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back out of ban on public smoking

By Colin Brown Chief Political Correspondent

THE Government has backed away from legislation to ban that knowledge of the dangers smoking in pubs, restaurants of passive smoking was such that and public places and will instead urge landlords and restau-norance as an excuse for not takrateurs to bring in their own ingaction to reduce the hazard. voluotary codes in a bid to cut

There had been speculation that the Government would seek to follow the hans oo oo smoking in public places. smoking in restaurants adopted in New York, or the more untary curb will be the encomprehensive bans in Cali- dorsement next week by fornia, but ministers are keen to European ministers of the Euavoid being accused of creating a canny state.

Frank Dobson, the Secretary of State for Health, and Tessa ter, accept that it will be difficult to carh smoking without legislation, but they hope an antismoking policy based oo voluntary codes will encourage

a reduction in the habit. The forthcoming White Paper oo smoking reduction will put forward policies aimed at stopping childreo from taking up the habit, and at persuading adults to stop smoking.

Pubs and restaurants will be urged to set aside smoke-free zones, and they will be warned that their staff can take actioo under the existing Health and Safety at Work Act to insist on a safe place to work.

The White Paper falls short of the demands for tougher legislation by Ash, the anti-smoking campaign, which wanted the act reinforced to make it easier for staff to take their employers to court if they were exposed to

passive smoking. We would be disappointed if there is nothing to further restrict smoking in the workplace and in public places. There are ways in which the Government can do more without having to introduce legislation. They do need seriously to look at the curreot workplace legislation to make it clear to people that employers do have an obligation to protect their staff," said a

spokeswoman for Ash. Ash sent the Government legal opinion from John Melville said the Green Paper. Williams, QC, which concluded

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der legislation, but Jack Straw,

the Home Secretary, has re-

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officer of local authorities.

that employers who ignored the health risks to their staff from passive smoking were already breaking the law. He said no employer could now use ig-

Although acknowledging his the risks from passive smoking. view, ministers have decided against legislative action, and will be seeking voluntary bans

> The first step towards a volropean-wide tobacco advertising ban which was passed by the health ministers in February after British embarrassment over the £1m donation to party funds by Formula 1 chief Bernie Ecclestooe, who was lobbying for a longer transition period. The European Parliament passed

the ban in April. Anti-smoking campaigners have urged ministers to raise the legal age for huying cigarettes from 16 to 18, to make it easier for oewsagents to avoid breaking the law. Ministers said they would only do so, if they had overwhelming evidence

that it would work. Ash is more hopeful that the White Paper will propose putting tobacco patches on prescription to enable the poor to get them free. The Green Paper on public health showed that mortality rates for lung cancer were about four times higher amoog the unskilled than

among the professional classes. The Green Paper said that in 1996, 28 per cent of boys aged 15 and 33 per ceot of girls aged 15 smoked regularly, and the figures were rising. It stressed the odds were heavily stacked against smokers leading long, healthy lives.

"A recent study funded by the European Union estimated that passive smoking kills more that 20,000 people each year in Europe. Because of the terrible tolls that smoking takes oo health, the Government is preparing a comprehensive strategy oo reducing smoking,"

Ministers Blair wants PoWs to give this man a warm welcome



Emperor Akihito of Japan, and Empress Michiko waving to a crowd at the Expo 98 world fair in Lisbon yesterday, before travelling to London last night

By Colin Brown

AN 11th hour appeal by Tony Blair to give the Emperor and Empress of Japan a "warm welcome to Britain" was rejected last night by veteran Japanese prisoners of war who plan to turn their backs on the royal party as they travel down the Mall.

Mr Blair urged them in effect to forgive and forget the atroc- a silent protest. ities which resulted in the

deaths of 16,000 British servicemen in labour camps and along the ootorious Thai-Burma "Death Railway".

At least 1,000 veterans will They also accused the Prime £14,000 compensation per pris-Minister of "betrayal" after oner. Yesterday, veterans' lead-

turn their backs on the Emperor as he rides with the Queen to Buckingham Palace at 9.30am today as a protest at the continued Japanese refusal to apologise to them and pay ers said that it was meant to be

The veterans will ignore the that apologies had been made past or the debt his generation

ing about the possible impact In a clear message to the PoWs, oo Britain's 14.2bn'exports and 60,000 jobs contained in a Blair believed "that to allow our statement issued by Downing relationship to be defined sole-Street which underlined the Government's anxieties about

the protest. Mr Blair's official spokesahead, it should be in a "dignified and peaceful way", but the statement made it clear that the Prime Minister would prefer the former PoWs to accept the statement added that Mr derstand fully the achievement of those who fought for freedom, for he believes it is thanks - democratic with a commit-

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Prime Minister's coded warn- and to focus oo trading links. owes to those who suffered but of pandering to commercial this should not define our relationship today. justice do not come joto it. He

The statement said Mr Blair believed the Prime Minister of ly by the past is to fail to un- Japan, Ryutaro Hashimoto, was "absolutely genuine" in Mr Blair visited Japan and man said that if the protest went to their sacrifices that Japan to- that "the Japanese fully unday is a very different country derstand and appreciate the

However, Arthur Tither- it feels like betrayal." ington, chairman of the Japanese Labour Camps Survivors Association, accused Mr Blair

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Water firm may lose huge contract in nepotism row

By Richard Lloyd Parry

A LUCRATIVE deal to supply water to Indonesia's capital has beeo put on hold amid allegations that a company controlled by Thames Water woo the contract thanks to favours granted by the disgraced former president Suharto, it emerged yesterday.

Today, Jakarta city employees will hold a demonstration and unveil a petition denouncing "corruption, collusion and nepotism" in the awarding of the contract to a joint venture controlled by Thames Water Plc. In interviews with The Independent, city executives claimed that the British-Indonesian joint

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Sigit Hardjojudanto, the eldest son of Mr Suharto, who yielded power last week after 32 years as Indonesian dictator. Last Saturday, after a virtual mutiny by municipal employees, the city demanded a review of the agreement, claiming that the project was being run inefficiently.

The controversy began in 1995, when the city of Jakarta began a project to improve the supply of water to Indonesia's 10 million citizens. According to officials from PAM Jaya, the city-owned management company, the World Bank provided a grant for the preparation of a tender document. But before it could be completed, the government made it known venture was given the contract

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ed to two consortiums: PT Garuda Dipta Semesta (GDS), and PT Kekar-Thames Airindo, known by its acronym Kati.

The former company is a joint venture between the French utility, Lyonnaise des Eaux, and Liem Sioe Liong, a close friend of Mr Suharto, and Indonesia's richest conglomerate owner. The latter is a joint venture between Sigit Hardjojudanto, Mr Subarto's eldest son, and Thames Water, which owns 80 per cent of the company. Both contracts are to be reviewed.

During his three decades as presideot, Mr Suharto became ootorious for the lucrative favours which he bestowed both

because of the participation of that contracts would be award- de of businessmen. His personal wealth has been estimated by the Central Intelligence Agency at \$30bn (£18bn).

News that the authorities are investigating allegations of corruption will worry other Western companies with interests in Iodooesia, many of whom formed links with Mr Suharto's friends and family to gain access to the Iodonesian market.

A spokeswoman for Thames Water confirmed that the Indonesian authorities had put the contract on hold, but denied any wrongdoing. "We have met our cootractual ohligations to date and hope to cootinue to do so,'

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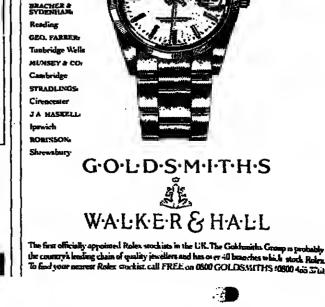
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UK newspapers in the first half of 1997.

SDLP says no to poll deal with Sinn Fein

By Kim Sengupta in Belfast

STNN FEIN is seeking an electoral pact with the fellow nationalists of the Social Democratic and Labour Party in the impending elections for the Northern Ireland assembly.

At the same time, the party president. Gerry Adams, is urging David Trimble of the Ulster Unionist Party to begin talks, saying it was the wish of the electorate that the parties which campaigned for a Yes vote in last week's referendum should take part in "inclusive dia-

The Sinn Fein initiatives came on a Bank Holiday which saw the first manoeuvres take place in the campaign for seats in the new assembly.

However, its approaches to the SDLP met with inidal lukewarm reaction. Asked about a suggested pact, John Hume said: "The objective of this election isn't pacts between two parties on one side of the divide - the objective is a partnership between the representatives of all sections of the community.

SDLP deputy leader Seamus Mallon also dismissed electoral pacts as things of a partisan past.

He suggested instead the full tactical use of the proportional representation voting system to ensure that the parties behind the No campaign are prevented from getting sizeable numbers of seats, and the chance to destabilise the new assembly.

A single transferable voting system will be used for the poll. Under it voters will get a chance to stake their preference in descending order among six candidates in each constituency.

Mr Mallon said: "We will be to pro agreement parties depending on the complexion of that we will be asking people to transfer votes to the Ulster different, better future." Unionists.

Sinn Fein also held out the intriguing possibility of its supporters using one of its six One of the party's senior lead-

ers, Pat Doherty, stated that "those who voted for change should pursue the logic" of

voting for Mr Trimble's party. The offer is seen as an inducement to the Ulster Unionists to begin talks with Sinn Fein. But Mr Trimble has resisted doing so as long as the IRA does not decommission its arms.

The row over decommissioning continued yesterday when the Canadian General in charge of promoting disarmament among paramilitary groups stated it would not be enough for these groups to simply allow guns to "rust in the ground".

And Northern Ireland minister Paul Murphy stated: "The peace agreement says that decommissioning is an indispensable part of this whole agreement.

However, a senior member of Sinn Fein, Alex Maskey ruled out early moves to hand over weapons. He added that in the long run his party was committed to a "total disarmament and demilitarisation off this whole society".

The Prime Minister, Tony Blair, warned that the British and Irish governments would "show no mercy" to anyone continuing to resort to terror-

In last night's Belfast Telegraph, Mr Blair wrote: "They will find themselves starved of the support they have had in the past - at home and overseas. "And I can also guarantee

that both ourselves the Irish government will show no mercy to anyone going back to violence. There will be no fudge between democracy and terror."

Mr Blair also paid tribute to those who voted in support of the peace agreement.

He said: "It always easier to asking people to give transfers say no to change. But fortunately there are political leaders who had the vision to see the constituency. It could be that the people of Northern Ireland had the opportunity of a

The United States President, Bill Clinton, has already insisted paramilitaries would find no friends in America if votes for the Ulster Unionists. they went back to the bomh and bullet.



reviving memories of the 'golden age'. This Stanier 8F freight locomotive was bound for Amersham, via Rickmansworth Photograph: Neville Elder

EU agrees 'ethical' arms sales code

By Katherine Butler in Brussels

A DEAL agreeing the first European Union ethical arms export policy was secured by Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday.

Mr Cook hailed the volun-

tary agreement with his counterparts in the EU as a "ground breaking" deal to limit the supply of weapons to repressive regimes, but the code was diluted in last-minute talks to meet French objections.

Hubert Vedrine, the French

Foreign Minister, who fought against openness in the arms trade, which might harm France's lucrative armaments industry, said the agreement was "useful and realistic".

Human rights groups fear the code will be meaningless. It is intended to make arms sales more open to ensure "peer pressure" discourages EU governments from grabbing military contracts refused by other member states acting on ethical grounds, or from fears that the arms would be used for repression. Governments are

port licensing decisions in the light of human rights and to refuse them if there is "a clear risk" that the material will be used for repression. The code sets out a mechanism for all states to consult each other.

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ELEstates account for about 40 per cent of the world's arms exports, so stricter curbs should in theory have a significant impact. But the code's strength will rest largely on moral pressure to refrain from supplying without consultation. The risk of loopholes is

rights abuses. Africa is littered. huge. A government wanting with them," he said. Ireland to supply arms to a regime considered blocking the code turned down by another EU but relented, saying a weak code government, does not have to was better than nothing. make a declaration of intent. It Mr Cook said the code "was is merely expected to inform the state which refused the licence.

not toothless. This represents a hig step forward." This duty to consult only comes Saferworld, an organisation into play if the contract is identical to the one refused by the

campaigning for a code of conduct on arms exports, welcomed the agreement, but said: "The key now is that it is implemented rigorously and is continually strengthened." Oxfam called for full public disclosure of all arms transactions.

Beckett: South Africa identified as key market

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Foreign Minister, who wanted

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By Michael Harrison and Mary Braid in South Africa

SOUTH AFRICA is asking British defence manufacturers to help it re-arm as part of a wider campaign to bolster trade between the two countries.

The campaign will be faunched tomorrow by the President of the Board of Trade, Margaret Beckett, who will unveil a range of initiatives including extra support from the Export Credits Guarantee Department (ECGD), advice ou . promotion this year will be

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Africa had been identified as one of the 10 key markets where the Government believed substantial extra business could be achieved. Britain is South Africa's largest single trading partner with exports of goods reaching £1.7bn last year and direct inward investment from the UK almost £2.5bn.

The key sectors for trade

goods. The Deputy High Commissioner at the South African embassy in London said military equipment was also nn the shopping list, in particular submarines, tanks and helicopters. This could bring orders for VSEL, Vickers and Westland, which is now part of GKN.

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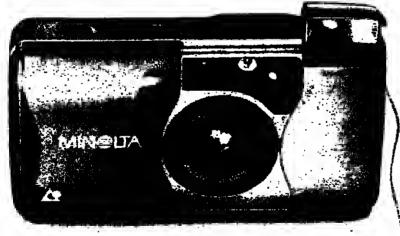
South Africa's decision to bny new weaponry follows a long and bitter debate, won by the country's defence minister

privatisation, and help for automotive products, health- Joe Modise. Those within the African National Congress who equipment, and consumer, argued the money would be better speat on schools and clinics lost the debate last August when approval for faur Curvettes, four submarines, tanks and fighter aircraft was finally given by parliament.

Most analysts agree the defence forces are in a bad way, and that military spending is essential if South Africa is to maintain its regional supremacy. The current shopping list is apparently just the beginning.

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Lighting-up times

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THE GREENHOUSE effect is a good thing. Without it, life almost certainly could not have evolved on Earth, as, for the most part, water could have not have existed on its surface. A planet orbiting our sun at the same distance as our planet, spinning once a

day and equipped with a thermally trans-

parent almosphere, say of pure nitrogen, could expect to have an average surface temperature of about -18C. Happily, large amounts of gases which absorb outgoing radiation at various wavelengths have always been present in Earth's atmosphere, raising average surface temperatures by 33C to

a much more hospitable 15C. The most important of these gases, by far. is water vapour, which alone accounts for 21C of global warming.

Water absorbs infra-red heat radiation across a wide range of wavelengths, and is the primary agent in rendering Earth habitable. Other natural gases to which we should be grateful include carbon dioxide (a 7C warming), ozone (2C) and trace gases such as nitrous oxide (3C).

Deep in the pre-Cambrian cra, three billion years ago or more, Earth's mean surface temperature was much higher than today - so warm, in fact, that polar ice caps probably did not exist. This was because concentrations of

water vapour and methane - an extremely powerful greenhouse gas, one of the main sources of which today is the rectums of farm animals - were high.

Ammonia, another greenhouse gas, now almost completely absent from our almosphere, was also present in large concentrations.

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Is this the end for Mob rule?

Salvatore Riina

By Anne Hanley in Rome and David Usborne

FEARED drug king Pasquale Cuntrera is contemplating a bleak future. On Sunday, Cuotrera was arrested oo Spain's Costa del Sol, five days after embarrassed authorities in Rome admitted he had been released from prison on a technicality and had fled the country.

With true Mafia panache. Cuntrera had abandoned the wheelchair to which he had long claimed to be confined, and was strolling along the main drag in Fuengirola, arm-in-arm with his wife, when he was picked up in a joint operation by Italian and Spanish police.

The man found guilty of running ooe of the world's biggest drug trafficking rings will now be brought back to Italy to serve a 21-year prison sentence. joining the growing oumber of top crime bosses behind bars on Italian soil.

Back across the water, New York is also rejoicing in a headline that has been a long time coming: "The Mob is Dead". From time to time, in Italy and in the Cosa Nostra's New World outpost, New York City, final triumph by prosecutors and politicians over the wise guys has seemed tantalisingly close. Like now, And yet, still we must add: "Long Live the Mob".

The snaring of two men is cause for some hope. In a jail north of New York City sits John Gotti Jr. The son of the John Gotti Sr. one-time leader of the Gambino clan, he awaits trial later this year oo charges of racketeering. In the eyes of some, a conviction of the younger Gotti would represent a final death blow against the New York Mafia.

The arrest of Gotti, believed to have been running the Gambino machine on behalf of his father, himself behind bars oo murder and racketeering convictions since 1992, is one of a success in rooting out Mafia in-struggle against the Moh. string of knock-out punches against the Mafia in New York.



The mails drug long was arrested in central Malaga on Sunday. His arrest came only five days after he studed surveillance and fled from Italy. Police believe Malaga was a stop-over on route to Vanezuela, where the Maria boss still owns an extensive chain of hotels and casinos. Centrera, 63, was the link-man between the Sicilian Matia and South America's drug cartais. He and his brothers, Paolo and Gaspare, left their crime-intested home town in southern Sicily in the Seventies, surfacing in Canada, Venszuela and the Carabbeen where they set up a network of financial helding companies and restaurant chains. They ran a soungaing ring of vast proportions, shipping drugs to north America and Europe. The Cuntreras were extraction from Venezueta in 1992 and three years later went on trial

by Gotti's former Gambino underboss, Sammy "The Bull" Gravano. And last year, Vincente "The Chin" Gigante, bead of the rival Genovese dan was im-Rudolph Ginliani has claimed fluence from city food markets

ed on turncoat evidence given trast, despite their own recent run of successes, are not happy: the government, they claim, offers little in the way of support for their work; perhaps worse still, the people of the prisoned. Moreover, Mayor crime-plagued south are showing signs of giving up the uneven

The events of Sunday were and the rubbish carting industry. emblematic of the paradox in Italy's Massa-fighters, in con- the space of one day, Cuntrera and though he was acquitted, once caught, could not contin- tance among Sicilians of the entirely different era."

was brought to heel, another some still barbour doubts about ue running their crime empires high-ranking boss Pino Guastella was arrested in Palermo, and the people of Palermo went to the polls to elect a new provincial council. The man who emerged as

clear winner in that ballot, centre-right candidate Francesco Musotto, was recently charged with colluding with the Mafia



The world's top Family bosses

One of the largest of the New York made families to occupy the attention of generations of policemen is the Gambino family, with around 200 members living in the suburbs of New York. The younge perations are about as far from the suave, self-confident figures evoked in The Godfather as one could get. This fall in standards is Mustrated by the pending rackateering case against John Gotti Jr. 33-year-old son of the Imprisoned Gambino boss "Dapper Do" John Gott who was convicted of murder and racksteering in 1992 on the turncost evidence of his hitman, Sammy "The Buill" Gervano. The tracksuitwaaring , staroid-enhanced Gotti Jr. is charged with shaling down ores, a Marthatian strip club popular with some Hollywood types, by demanding a percentage from the parking valets and bertenders.



the underworld", and has been sentenced to 12 years in a prison inospital. Signife has decided to keep his family away from the meta-because the old values of loyalty are fast disappearing and an increasing number of maffe bosses are being arrested. Members of the Genovese family are said to have bribed a firm to self stock in a company that owns timess clubs.

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For a short while it looked

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He is considered as the boss of bosses among the biggest mails families in liaby. The speciacular arrest in January 1993 of Salvatore Rilina, who had been on the run for 20 years, added to the feeling that the mails was dying. But by June 1995 when Rima's brother-la-law Legluca Bagarella was picked up, popular excitement was more restrained, in spring 1997 when police picked up Glovanni Brusca, the man who pushed the button to blow up Glovanni Faicons, the top arti-Matta prosecutor, and the Mattoso-mystic, Pietro Algiera, believed to have stepped into Riina's shoes, the traditional acceptance of the Maris as a fact of life in Sicily had returned and the reaction was muted.

The vote came six years and

a day after one of Italy's best-

loved figures, Judge Giovanni

Falcoce, was killed by a Mafia

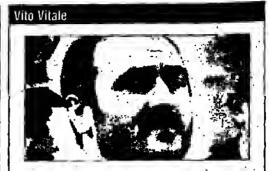
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his connections.



He was described by an investigator as "the most dangerous methoso still at large", before he was arrested last month when police ambushed him outside Palermo. The arrest of Vitale, 39, believed to too the new generation of Sictian Maha bosees, comes after arrests of a rumebr of other too Mob figures.

Vitale emerged as a Mob linchpln after the arrests of the old generation of Maila chiefs. He has a reputation for bloodthirsty nutblessness and a steady hand with a gun. Vitale has shot his way to the top, investigators sold. Wanted for killings and providing the ackil bath in which the body of a supergrass's 13-year-old son was dissolved, Vitale is believed to answer directly to gangeter Bernardo Provenzano, who has not been sighted for 30 years.

Mafia as a fact of life in Sicily

seemed to have returned. Attilio Bolzoni, a Palermobased journalist whose book C'era una volta la lotta alla mafia (Once Upon A Time There Was a Fight Against the Mafia) was published last week, is harsh on Sicilians: "Falcone might have died 100 years ago, not just six," he said. "This is an

current coalition government made up of centre-left parties has totally abandoned the fight against the Mafia."

If criticism of Rome's handling of Italy's dramatic crime problem is widespread, praise for the forces of law and order is almost unanimous.

Despite all its successes, the state will not be able to rest on its laurels until the final symbol of Cosa Nostra's legendary ability to get the better of law and order is seized. "They've come a long way. They've put people behind bars, but the biggest mafioso of them all, Bernardo Provenzano, has been out there doing what he pleases for over 30 years," recalled Bolzoni.

Only the arrest of Proveozano, the real capo di tutti i capi. may finally convince disillusioned Sicilians that the fight against the Mafia really can be

In New York, however, progress is more convincing. Earlier this month, the FBI announced it was satisfied that the city's "Commissioo" of Godfathers was essentially defunct. The "Commission" used to be made up of leaders of each of city's five Mafia families and met regularly to adjudicate in disputes and set commoo strategy.

The families appeared to have been wounded by several convening factors: the success of the FBI and prosecutors in nailing some of their leaders, the hyper-activity of Mayor Giuliani in weakening their grip on city commerce, as well as old-fashioned in-fighting and ineptitude among the new, flashier generation of Mafia captains."You can't say that we've eliminated them, but their control is not as pervasive as it once was," said Louis Schiliro, director of the New York FBI.

Ronald Goldstock, a former director of the New York State Organized Crime Task Force, believes that the authorities have entered the final round of their fight. For law enforcemeot, it is the mopping up

New York's mayor leads fight

By David Usborne and Anne Hanley

AT THE opening of Godzilla, the special-effects monster movie, New York's mayor, Rudolph Giuliani, seized on an . opportunity to tout his Mafiafighting credentials. The lizard, holding that early Giuliani legahe pointed out, made the Fulton fish market its first stop in Manhattan. "Five years ago that would oot have been possible," he quipped. "He would have a Gotti home of all the "made been stopped by the Mafia".

take the credit for the humbling Holy Grail. of the Cosa Nostra in New York, but he can take a share. His main weapon is regulation By Malia these days is considered

police to report harassment. She

has alleged that she has been

targeted by local youths since

the death of Diana, Princess of

Wales, when she decorated her

bunting. It is understood that

the pigs were displayed along-

cy. The case against John Gotti Ir may critically weaken the Mafia from top to bottom. One from the waste-collection bills item in evidence: a list found in men" of all five Mafia families. Mr Giuliani cannot alone. Investigators have called it their

record stretches back to 1983, turning over control of the fish a nuisance," said Palermo's when, as district attorney for the market to the city, he has chief prosecutor, Gian Carlo city, he destroyed with a series watched as prices of fish have Caselli ,last week. of convictions the famed "Pizza dropped by 5 per cent in three Connectioo", centred on the years. The destruction of the grip that the Mafia had oo hero. Mafia cartel that used to conin imports into the United States. trol all rubbish collection from Prosecutors today are up- commercial buildings in Manhattan has had a similarly spectacular effect. An estimated \$400m (£250m) has been cut

> hospitals and hotels. Despite their receot run of startling successes, Italy's Mafia-fighters are not happy:

of office towers, restaurants,

With Piertuigi Vigna, head of the national anti-Mafia prosecutor's office, Mr Caselli is the most exposed of Italy's crimebusters. His frustration at what he perceives as lukewarm support from Rome is tangible: "We're accused of acting only to protect our own power bases," he said. "There's a real campaign against us."

Perhaps equally discouraging is the fact that the people of Italy's crime-plagued south are These days, Mr Giuliani's "Anyone who mentions the showing signs of giving up the uneven struggle against the Mob.

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Police intervene in battle of 'offensive' china pigs By Clare Garner place them. I am sure I am not the only person in Britain who collects ceramic pigs." POLICE are understood to have confiscated a collection of

porcelain pigs from the front window of a woman's house in the same road as Leicester's main mosque following a complaint from local Muslims that the display was offensive. Nancy Bennett, a 49-year-old foster mother from the Highfields area of Leicester, said the complaint about the pigs was made after she went to the

house with red, white and blue Nancy Bennett with the china pigs Photograph: lan Bullock

side a quote from the Koran Muslim Organisations spokeswhich said: "Let there be no man Yaqub Khan said that eating it. coercion in religiou." more than 1,000 worshippers - A spokesman for Leicesterattending weekly Friday prayers shire Police said it was investigating the matter and that a file collection of pigs. He said that would be submitted to the Crown Prosecution Service, which would take the final decision on whether to press charges under the Public Order mentioned as being "unclean" matter and took about 17 of munity but it has to be dealt

Leicester Federatioo of as an offensive animal by Muslims, who are forbidden from

Mrs Bennett said: "I arrived at the nearby mosque passed the break into my house. They had sacred book. If that is placed in got a warrant. They said they a window where pigs have been Mrs Bennett was aware of the had had complaints about the placed then that is even more potential for offence to be pigs from neighbours. They offensive It may be a trivial matcaused - that the pig is considered it was a public order ter for some sections of the comin the Koran, and is regarded them. I have been told not to re-

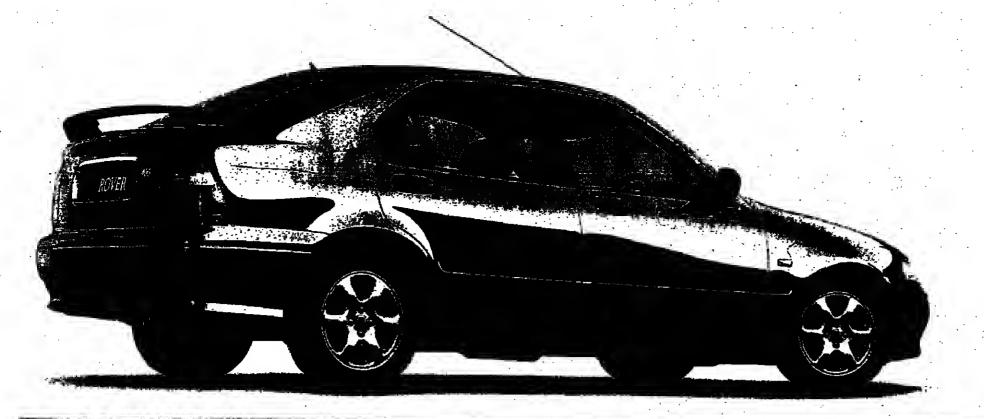
Mr Khan agreed that there were indeed other people who kept china pigs in their houses, to which Muslims have oever

objected. "But if you display, for example, a poster in your front window and that poster is provocative to your neighbours then the poster is not private

property just because it is in your house," he added.

There are rules which, as good citizens, we have to observe. We are a multi-faith society and we, as Muslims, respect other faiths practised in this country, so I think, in return, they should respect ours. Something like this is taken very seriously by Muslims and it is a very sensitive area."

The quote from the Koran was also seen as provocative, Mr home to find police about to Khan said. "The Koran is a



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Bill Holtman, of the Japanese Labour Camps Survivors Association, at yesterday's discussion Photograph: Glynn Griffiths

The man who would probably like to say he is sorry, but can't

pareot loneliness, the outsider with a soft inside - your first choice would probably not he Emperor Akihito.

There are, however, simi-Marities borne out of accidents of birth and a desire, sometimes not very well communicated, to be closer to the people. It is not something often said in the midst of war veterans' demons- staff to attend to him and to his trations, but the Emperor is a highly sensitive man who might like nothing better than to apologise in the most unambiguous of terms for the treatment endured by British prisoners of ents and sent to another palace war in the Second World War.

It is not necessarily a reluctance on his part that prevents the words "I am sorry" from passing his lips. Quite simply. the Japanese constitution forbids him from making any political statements. His role, as one commentator once put it, is to be, not to do.

Akihito - his name means "shining wisdom" - is the latest emperor in a dynasty that can be traced back 2,700 years. He was born in December 1933, the fourth child of Emperor

IF YOU were to look for a figure to compare with the Prince Protocol must take precedence for of Wales - the angst, the ap- Emperor Akihito, writes Steve Boggan

fathered girls.

Recognised in Japan as a demi-God who walks between Heaven and Earth, the Emperor lives a life of pampered remoteness in a 200-acre palace in Tokyo. He has hundreds of wife, Michiko, including food tasters - to check for poison and faeces inspectors.

As a three-year-old, Akihito was separated from his parin Tokyo where he lived with tutors and played with friends who were hand-picked and carefully examined for signs of disease. He travelled everywhere in a for the first time for the Queen's make an unqualified apology. chauffeur-driven Mercedes with armour-plated windows, and saw his father and mother only on Sundays.

During the war, he was evacnated to the countryside for long periods and endured even more separation from his parents.

Shortly after the Japanese surrender, Hirohito wrote 10 him: "Let me tell you why Japan

Hirohito, who had previously was defeated ... Our military men put too much emphasis on spirit, and oeglected science." It was a lesson Japan learned well in the subsequent battle for

technological supremacy. In the aftermath of the war, ology and, in between games of part of the Allies' plans for Hirohito's rehabilitation involved providing a less insular lifestyle for Akihito. He was sent away from his court tutors to the Gaskashuin school which, although élitist, enabled him to mingle with other students. However, former schoolmates remember him as a withdrawn

and lovely student. In 1953, he visited England coronation. Then, he was invited to visit Newcastle upon Tyne, whose shipyards had built ships for Japan during the Russo-Japanese conflict of 1904-05. That trip was cancelled after complaints from war veterans but he retained an affinity for England which resulted in him

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He had said only "I feel deep sorrow", but it was too much for the men with harder hearts sending his sons to Oxford.

Comment, page 20 As a person, he is variously

Time does not ease old comrades' anger

ARTHUR TITHERINGTON was just a bewildered 20-yearold when Japanese troops overstill fire him up to heights of oratory of which Tony Blair would

Minister, yesterday Mr Titherington's well-chosen words of anger were aimed at him.

Why do I remember, Mr Blair?" he asked. "Is it because when I came out of a Singapore hospital as a 20-year-old youth, I saw a woman having to watch as her young baby was bayonetted to death by two Japanese soldiers?

'Or perhaps it is because of the older woman I saw who had to stand and watch as her husband was cut to ribbons by a sword-weilding soldier."

as a 20-year-old, Mr Blair. And it was just the beginning."

Mr Titherington and his comrades from the Japanese ran Singapore but his memories Labour Camps Survivors Association were angry. They wanted to explain why they could not simply forgive and for-Unfortunately for the Prime get, why they needed an apology and compensation when, so far, all they have had are personal expressions of sorrow

and a single payment of £76.50. More than 50,000 British soldiers were taken prisoner by the Japanese but by the end of the war, one-third of them had died, compared with one in 25 taken by the Germans.

Yesterday, as they urged the public to join them in turning their backs on Emperor Akihito, a few of them told their stories of supreme hardship, or torture and starvation building

Bridge on the River Kwai.

Sixteen thousand British soldiers died," said Sidney Tavender, 80, who saw friend after friend die along what has come to be called the Death Railway. "We were burying people every day. We worked from dawn til dusk. If you were lucky, you got one cup of rice in the morning and ~ if you made it back to the camp -you got another. If a dog, or a rat or a monkey ran through the

camp, it was dead - in the pot. "In between, there were beatings and torture. We were literally their slaves. You knew that every day could be your last."

The veterans are particularly angry at the recent discovery that the British government wrote a clause into the 1951 San Francisco peace treaty allowing for it to return for more com-

were given more. But, secretly, in 1955 it was agreed not to.

Worse, in the mid-1980s.

Ronald Reagan gave \$20,000 to Japanese living in America who were interped during the war. But not only the PoWs turned out yesterday. Joan Bulley of the Association of British Civilian Internees Far East Region, one of thousands of ex-pa-

palling conditions for years. "Two months after the war, my father died from tuberculosis," she said. "He never really recovered from being in the

triate civilians interned by the

Japanese, described how whole

families were locked up in ap-

"In 1956, my mother received £48.50 in three instalments. She got no widows' pension and, as a result, she never owned a place of her own."



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described as sensitive and caring, realistic enough to be em-

demi-deity. When he ascended

the Chrysanthemum throne in

1990, he was the first to do so

as a mortal, Hirohito having

renounced his deification as

part of the post-war treaty with

polo and tennis, plants rice

seedlings as a hobby, an interest

of which Prince Charles would no

doubt approve. There are stories

of him instructing his motorcade

to stop at red lights and of him

giving a pensioner a massage

while visiting an old folks' home.

erant of others' religious and po-

litical views and it is known in

Japan that he would like to

However, the last time he expressed such views, during

a visit to Peking in 1992, he

was strongly criticised at home

by right-wing politicians for

smiliating Japan.

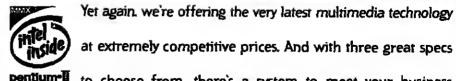
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Dons win battle to halt scrutiny by inspectors

Education Editor

PLANS FOR tough external inspections of universities to hold dons to account for their teaching have been abandoned after after an outcry from vice-chana revolt by vice-chancellors, a confidential report says.

All new students will pay £1,000 a year tuition fees from this autumn and ministers have said that undergraduates must be assured of the quality of courses. They believe that students will be much more demanding on standards if they are paying for their teaching.

own external examiners who check the standard of students' work, advise on teaching methods and course content and report back to the university. But critics say the arrangements are too cosy and last summer's spection system from schools, report by Sir Ron Dearing. chairman of the National Committee of Inquiry into Higher the responsibility for setting Education, which recommended the introduction of tuition fees, said the system should be strengthened to make colleges more accountable.

Agency, which monitors university standards, put forward proposals earlier this year for a team of registered external examiners to check course standards and report to the agency as well as continuing in their introduced into universities should be an approved register

system used in schools by the Office for Standards in Education. But a confidential report seen by The Independent shows that the agency has backed off cellors at leading universities who said the new system would put academic freedom and university autonomy under threat,

The confidential report dated 6 May, from John Randall, the agency's chief executive, shows that the proposals have been revised to offer a much lighter touch. "The main burden of external subject review is lift-Universities appoint their ed," it says. "Self-assessment is at the heart of the model."

Sir Stewart Sutherland, principal of Edinburgh University, welcomed the decision to revise the proposals and said universities should have a different inwhich had a national curricu-.lum. "Universities must retain their own degree standards," be

Mr Randall, however, yesterday said that the paper did not dilute the original propos-The Quality Assurance al. The plans are still being developed to meet the demand for greater accountability and more public information," he said.

The report says teaching standards should be assessed by the universities with the agency "sampling" to check that the as-

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some elements of the inspection of external examiners, but these would still be appointed by universities and would not report directly to the agency. The report says the system would provide information about universities for students and the public, but some of it would come from assessments published by the universities.

There had also been objections to the suggestion in the Dearing report that some academics might spend as much as 60 days a year inspecting, and questioned whether enough candidates would come forward. "People of the highest standard want to teach rather than inspecting other people's teaching," Sir Stewart said.

Paul Cottreli, assistant general secretary of the Association of University Teachers, welcomed the changes, but said he supported the recommendation in the Dearing report that the external examiner's role should be strengthened and was concerned that it should not be abandoned. We should like to have a formal system of external examiners, properly trained, recognised and properly remunerated."

He said the report suggested that the new arrangements would mean a lighter touch than at present because self-assessment would play a more im-

A spokesman for the committee of vice-chancellors and present role. That would have sessments are correct. There principals said the revision was

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A woman sitting outside a bar in San Diego, California, where smoking has been banned in virtually all public places

Smokers in front line of a new world war

A SHIFT in the tide of opinion against tobacco has led to strict anti-smoking laws across the

cigarettes, ignited by the World Health Organisation and other groups with events such as this week's World No-Tobacco Day, have led to many governments introducing tough legislation.

In the United States, where smokers have long been treat-

Britain may be unwilling to legislate but other countries have not been so reticent. Linus Gregoriadis reports Fears about the dangers of ed as social outcasts, many that similar laws would not force, especially in bars and

states have laws which ban work in Britain. smoking in banks, shops and other public buildings. In California, a hard-line smoking. ban on virtually all public places was extended from the beginning of this year to include bars and the bar areas of restaurants.

Singapore has led the way among Asian nations with its anti-smoking laws. Shopping gradual approach. malls, pedestrian underpasses and various outdoor public places were recently added to a long list of areas where the habit is strictly forbidden.

But though the authorities in Singapore and California justify their draconian stance by pointing to reduced levels of hidden in all public areas, but smoking, many people believe this has proved difficult to en-

Amanda Sandford, of the anti-smoking group Action on Smoking and Health (Ash), said yesterday: "It wouldn't be appropriate to go along Californian lines in this country because there would be an outcry and people would ignore it. You have to win people over by a

"The attitude in this country has changed. People are more prepared to say 'yes I do mind if you smoke'. It is only really in leisure places like pubs and clubs where smokers don't feel

that they have to ask to light up." In France, smoking is forrestaurants where the 1992 law is often disregarded.

Ms Sandford said: "France is a good example of where they made the mistake of introducing a law before they had public support behind them. Having said that, people there do seem to accept the laws more now, and even though there has been resistance in hars and restaurants the law is successfully enforced on places like the Metro

No country has a higger smoking problem than China, where it has been estimated that two-thirds of adult males are smokers. Ms Sandford said: "Millions of people smoke there and the numbers are rising. The

government there is beginning to realise that they will have to

In Italy, smoking is banned in most public places including hospitals, schools libraries, museums, concert halls, cinemas and theatres. In Sweden, smoking is banned, or restricted to certain areas, in shops, banks, schools and restaurants.

The World Health Organisation expressed disappoint ment yesterday at the British government's decision.

Barbara Zolty, of the World Health Organisation, said: "We ... strongly support measures to control smoking in public places. There are many reasons for this. Passive smoking has been shown to be harmful to people's health. In addition, it sets an example to young people by showing that governments are taking

Train fails to take the strain

in Paris.

By Simon Calder Travel Editor

Ali DAWN yesterday, Britain's newest and most expensive railway began running - and promptly hroke down. Passengers hoping to use the new Heathrow Express line, linking Britain's husiest airport with central London, were advised to

use the Underground instead. The Heathrow Express does not officially open for another train. four weeks, but for the past few months a rail/bus service known as Fast Train has been operating

to the airport. Finishing touches were made over the weekend to the the most expensive per mile in new stations - one at Heathrow Central, the other at Terminal Four - so that a "soft" opening of the new service could take place yesterday. But although the first train departed from Paddington on schedulc shortly after 5am yesterday, an bonr later the service was suspended. Passengers in a hurry were urged to use the Piccadilly Line

- thus saving themselves £1.70 on the one-way rail fare of £5. Those who chose to wait found that, in the grand tradition of British Rail, information was frustratingly difficult to ob-. tain. At Heathrow Central, the

The service finally resumed at 7.15am with a heavily laden train, which then proceeded in an alarming staccato fashion. It made four emergency stops on the way to Paddington, attributed by the driver to a faulty sensor on the brakes. Clouds of smoke drifted past the windows of the new Spanish-built

The train finally limped in after taking 25 minutes for a journey scheduled to take a quarter of an hour.

The new rail link is already Britain. After it is officially opened next month by the Prime Minister, the present fare will double to £10 single. First-class passengers will pay £20, representing a per-mile rate of £1.40 - more than travelling on Concorde.

■ A rail company which ran a special £1-a-ticket service to the seaside said yesterday that it might do it again - despite the chaos which resulted as thousands queued to catch trains

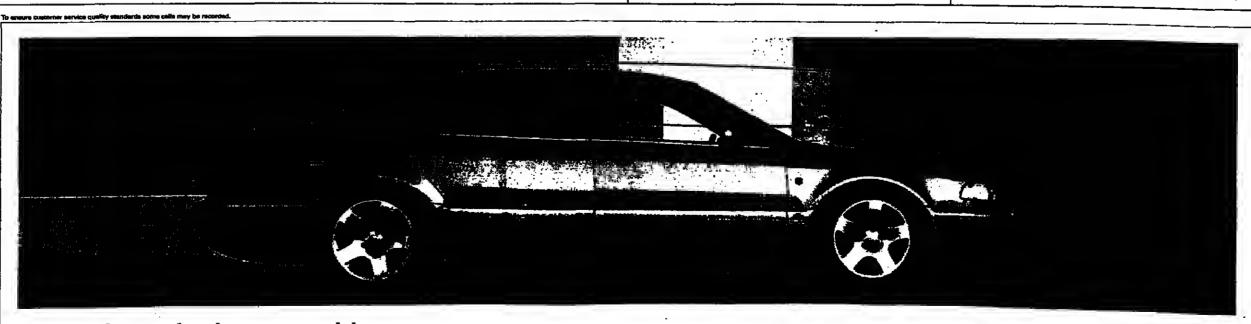
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"We may well do something. like it in the future, but if we do Yesterday, Thamesiink Rail we will make changes to elimsaid most of the 20,000 pas- inate the problems we had for sengers who bought the £1 a couple of hours this time," said day return tickets had been marketing manager Martin





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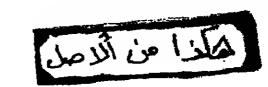
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Why this top police officer says red light areas are a good thing

A chief constable has called for licensed brothels, reports Jason Bennetto

ONE of Britain's most senior fered in dealing with the Hillspolice officers yesterday gave his backing for the establishment of legalised "red light" zones to control and license street prostitutes.

Richard Wells, the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire, also gave his conditional support for the use of licensed hrothels as a method of protecting the public and sex workers.

Mr Wells, in an interview with The Independent, is the latest in a number of police chiefs who have proposed a liberalisation of the country's vice laws; but he is the most senior to suggest safe havens for prostitutes working oo the streets.

He also blamed the high level of violence in society partly oo the bad example set by modern-day role models, citing the televisioo series Men get back to their job." Behaving Badly.

borough disaster.

Fourteen police officers won £1.2m in 1996 for psychological distress caused by hauling trapped fans out of the Sheffield stadium pens in April 1989. Others are trying to sue for the distress caused from witnessing the incident in which 96 Liverpool foothall fans died.

"I believe that police officers join the Service and recognise that they are going to face death and trauma, sometimes on a large scale. I think that we all extrapolate from that there are going to be extremely nasty days," he said.

The Chief Constable should ensure there's good health care in the force, peer group counselling, and a shoulder to cry on. They [the officers] should recuperate and then

Oo prostitutioo, he sug-Mr Wells, who retires in Augested providing street hookgust, had a parting shot, too, for ers with designated tolerance and in most cities the police are his officers who claimed dam- zooes where they would be al- turning a hlind eye to sauna and ages for the trauma they suf- lowed to act without fear of massage joints that act as un-



Richard Wells, who has attacked police homophobia, and called for legalised prostitution

Photograph: Asadour Guzelian

prosecution. He said: "I think official brothels. Street prostiif it was possible to corral it [street prostitution] and license it, then I think it is an answer, but I don't pretend it's a perfect answer or that it's an acceptable answer, hut it's something to lesseo the mischief. It makes sense,"

His comments follow a failed plan to set up a red-light tolerance zone in a commercial district of Sheffield, after complaints from local husinesses.

Vice Squad officers have long argued that current laws oo prostitutes are unworkable,

tution has proved a more dif- a balance of the public interest, ficult issue because it is more the balance is shifting towards visible and generates more a form of sanitisation." complaints.

Mr Wells, who retired in August, said: "There's no easy answer to prostitutioo. Sex is a commodity which markets itself very easily.

There is evidence that people are enticed ooto the streets to be prostitutes, whether male or female. There's substantial money in it. Where there's mooey there's likely to be corruptioo and violence.

"That's all an area of the seediness and danger which commends to me some element

of legalisation of hrothels. On

He added: "The idea of corralling that short of behaviour into agreed parts of town has something to commend it. The hig question is, whose part of town?"

Some police forces are already effectively decriminalising street prostitution. For example, womeo working in the red light district of Glasgow have been advised by the police to pick up their punters in front of surveillance cameras to deter any would be attackers.

to prosecuted the women be-Keith Hellawell, the Drug

Czar, wheo chief constable of West Yorkshire, first called for the legalisation of brothels. On the issue of violence in

society Mr Wells said: "People in the popular gaze can react with violence and not suffer any penalties - this sends the wrong signal to the public."

He said examples such as famous people "misbehaving on airlines" - the Oasis rock stars Noel and Liam Gallagher were threatened with a ban in February after reports of drunkeo food fights during a flight to The police have promised oot Australia - and television pro-

grammes celebrating yob ifestyles such as Men Behaving Badly, all gave the "wrong mes-

He argued: "There's been a lack of leadership in very clearly pronounced standards in

Since taking charge of the South Yorkshire force eight years ago, Mr Wells has become ooe of the country's most forward thinking chief constables. He remained worried about "pockets" of prejudice against police officers who were hlack,

gay, women, or handicapped. "I doo't think we have even begun to tackle the homophohic issue yet," he said.

Baby deaths inquiry result

THE General Medical Council is this week expected to pass judgment on three doctors at the centre of the biggest ever

medical disciplinary inquiry.

The doctors' professional body will decide if heart surgeons James Wisheart and Janardan Dhasmana, and Dr John Roylance, former chief executive of the United Bristol Healthcare NHS Trust, are guilty of serious professional misconduct.

The GMC's disciplinary committee will decide whether the doctors should be struck off after hearing evidence about 53 operations on babies and toddlers between 1988 and 1995. Twenty-nine died and four suffered serious hrain damage.

Mr Wisheart, 59, of Bristol, oow retired, and Mr Dhasmana, 58, are accused of carrying out heart operations on children beyond their clinical competence at Bristol Royal Infirmary despite warnings that at least twice as many babies died in their care as in other hospitals.

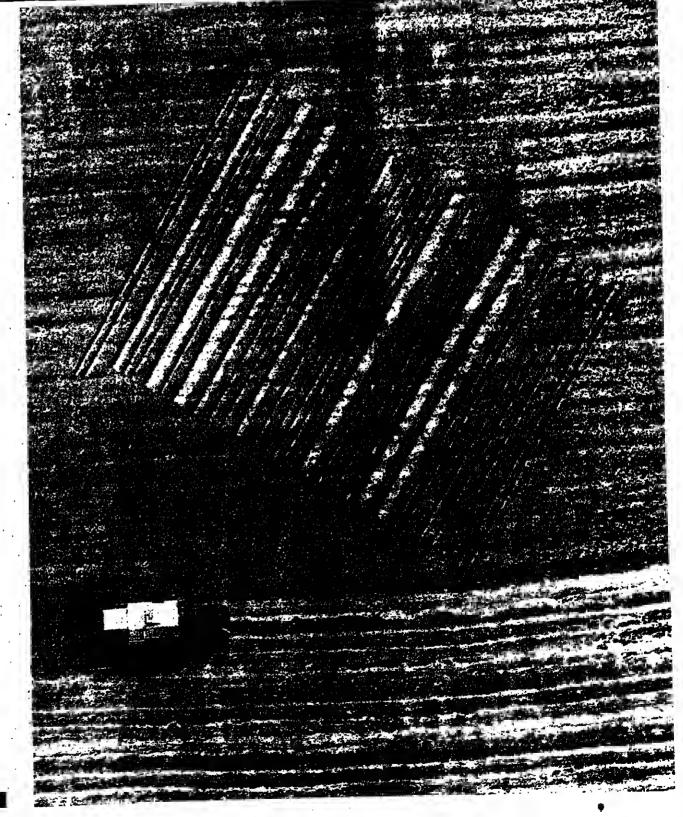
They are also charged with failing to tell parents the true risks of putting a child in their hands for surgery.

Dr Roylance, 67, of Bristol, is charged with failing to stop the surgeons operating, even wheo colleagues made clear their concerns about the oumber of childreo who had died.

All three deny the charges. The GMC panel, which retired to consider its verdict last Priday, must confine itself to ethical issues such as what the parents were told about the risks of surgery and at what point the surgeons should have realised the mortality rate was above the national average.

If found guilty, the doctors could be admonished, conditions could be put on their registration or they could be struck off the medical register.

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A family of businesses

IN A significant boost to the credibility of the fledgling Internet retail industry, The Gap, the international clothing chain,

By this time oext year, computer-literate customers should be able to acquire their casual cotton slacks and T-shirts without ever leaving home.

has revealed plans to go on-line. yesterday, would be a bold one. services, compact discs and sumers are happy to visit web-



Children posing in clothes from The Gap - the casual clothing chain that has announced plans to lay out its stall on the internet

Of those Internet retail busi- books, have made much head- sites, so far they have proved renesses that have started up in the last five years, few are far-tual shopping mall World ing well. Only very selective ar- Avenue, have failed dismally. eas of the market, such as

way. Others, such as IBM's vir-

While many of Britain's 1.25 The move, which emerged computer software, financial million Internet-browsing con-

Jonathan Tikochinsky, electronic selling analyst at research company Datamonitor's, says the wisdom of The Gap's decision rests on two crucial decisions.

"The first big question is, will consumers be paying on line? If not, but with the benefit of being cheaper because the company can avoid the expense of catalogue

The second important factor, he says, is how the company rationalises its global pricing. For many Internet shoppers, the appeal is the big savings to be made by buying books or music from the United States. With clothing publishing and delivery," he said. also 30-50 per ceot cheaper in the US, any international service threatens to undercut profits in

The Gap's British shops. The authorities are trying to regulate these kind of tax and export issues and they are mainly doing that by controlling the distributioo channels," said Mr Tikochinsky. "So while it may be cheaner to buy American clothes on the Net, later - at the point of delivery - it could cost more."

The Gap is in a good position to take a few risks. Last year, the San Francisco-based company sold £3.7bn of clothing in six countries and, in just a decade of trading, Gap has be-

The chain started up in the late Sixties but its current incarnation, with its emphasis on preppy, quality basics, has only beeo around since 1983 wheo

IN BRIEF

VIRTUAL RETAILERS

BOOKS: Best established is Amazon.com – offers more than 1 milion titles. Last year had sales of £148m. Recently bought UK internet book retailer Bookpages.

MUSIC: CD Now of the US had sales of \$10m last year. However, illegal disc and tape business on the internet is worth £3.7bn, equivelent to 12 per cent of the legitimate market.

DELIVERY AND COURIER BUSINESSES: PC Flowers, Interflora, Federal Express and United Parcel Services operate on-line.

BANKS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES: Assets in on-line customers' bank accounts are predicted to rise to \$47bn before 2000. Investment accounts (in mutual funds and shares) are expected to rise from \$111bn to \$524bn.

MALLS: The longest-surviving British virtual shopping mall is Barclay Squara. Last year London retailers set up a site giving access to Regent, Bond and Jermyn Street shops.

SUPERMARKETS: Big brand names such as Tesco and Sainsbury's are testing on-line home-delivery services and expect to be able to attract custom without belonging to a "mail" grouping. Tesco's delivery service costs 25 in its West London trial.

> Mickey Drexler became presi dent. Since then the company's progress towards big profits has been slow, but fairly assured. Exactly what Internet sales will do for The Gap's brand im-

> age is unclear. In Britain, home shopping curreotly has downmarket associations, and The Gap's spartan store style and its clever technique of folding all merchandise - forcing customers to handle it - will both be redundant on the Internet. It is also unclear how many countries the on-line store will

initially serve. Britain, The Gap's most successful international outpost, will be a priority, but the company must set up costly distribution networks if it is to compete with the success of its high street rival, Next.

Mr Tikochinsky sees competitioo with Next as the key to the company's plans. "Gap may well see the point of undercutting their own sales in British shops because they will also be competing with Next's catalogue sales business."

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THE SAUDI lawyer representing the two freed British nurs-

Saudi nurses urged to sue

es said yesterday that he was planning to bring a £1m lawsuit against Frank Gilford, brother of the Australian woman they were alleged to have killed.

Salah al-Hejailan said the "meotal torture" that Mr Gilford had inflicted oo Deborah Parry and Lucille McLauchlan io demanding blood money after the death of his sister Yvonne amounted to "blackmail". He said he had written to McLauchlan and Parry asking them to back his claim, which is scheduled to be heard in an Australian court on 17 June.

Lack of childcare support

A SURVEY commissioned by the charity Daycare Trust and information service Familylife Solutions has revealed that most top companies recognise the oeed to help staff with children, but few provide practical help. The report showed most workers get little support from employers, in the form of childcare vouchers, cash allowances or holiday play schemes. Drawn from the UK's top 500 firms, the results revealed that while there was huge support for the idea of company-backed schemes, only one in 20 firms offered a workplace nursery.

Big rise in Irish abortions

THE number of Irish women travelling to Britain for abortions has reached record levels, according to new figures.

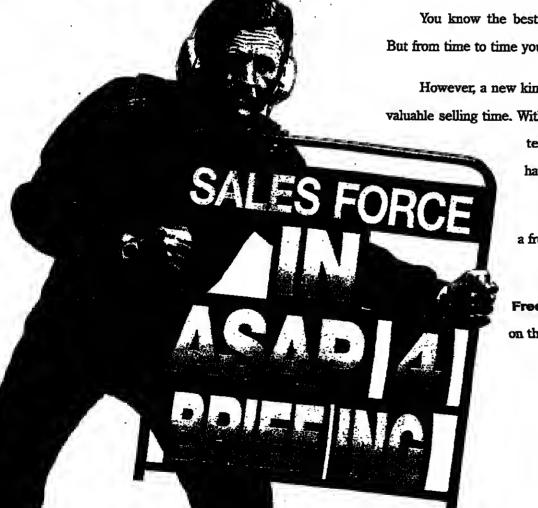
The total last year was 5,325, a nine per ceot rise oo 1996. The figures, from the National Statistics Office, are based only on women who gave Irish addresses to the clinics involved many others are believed to have hidden their true identities. Abortion in Ireland is banned by the Republic's constitution.

Fault sinks cruise hopes

THE hopes of almost 1,000 holidaymakers were sunk last night after their two-week Mediterranean cruise was cancelled five hours after they boarded the ship. The SS Edinburgh Castle was due to set sail from Liverpool when the tour was cancelled because of an electrical short circuit on the ship's main switchboard.



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Botswana drops case against British journalist

CAITLIN DAVIES, the elder daughter of the celebrated journalist Hunter Davies, was expecting a long trial with a possible two-year prison sentence at the eod of it. Instead, the case against her was dramatically dropped on the first

day of the proceedings. The Attorney Geoeral of Botswana unexpectedly iotervened and yesterday decreed that the case be thrown out because of lack of sufficient evidence. Ms Davies, 34, had beeo charged with publishing "a false report ... which was likely to cause fear and alarm to the public" during her editorship of the Okavango Observer, a local newspaper in Botswana, where she has lived for the past eight years.

The dismissal of the case came as a great relief to her family. Yesterday was her mother Margaret's 60th birthday. "There ouldn't be a better hirthday present," said Mr Davies, who last week wrote about the impending case in The Independent.

He added that in some ways his daughter was disappointed that the case had been dropped. "There was part of her that wanted to go through with it and hear the whole case in opeo court. She dido't want to go to prison, hut she would have liked to hear what the evidence was. Now she'll oever know."

The offending article featured in her first issue as editor of the Okavango Observer, which subsequently closed due to financial difficulties. On 29 September 1995, she ran a youths terrorising Maun, the home village of her husband,

The trial of Caitlin Davies is cancelled. but she wanted her day in court, writes Clare Garner

local station commander could neither confirm nor deny the incidents, as nothing had been reported to the police.

On 19 January 1996, a CID officer arrested Ms Davies, saying that the article had breached Section 59 of the Penal Code, which apparently had never been invoked before. The case weot quiet for about a year and everyone presumed it had been dropped. Then, in December 1997, Ms Davies was summoned to court and the trial was set for 25 May 1998.

No one understands why the case was resurrected, although newspapers in Botswana and South Africa which took up her cause suggested in leaders that the real problem was that Ms Davies had gone on to produce a series of articles drawing atteotion to the government's unpopular removal of indigenous hushmeo from the Kalahari. Mr Ridge maintains that the government could not cope with someooe as young as his wife "embarrassing them io

Ms Davies faxed the statemeet from the Attorney Geoeral to her pareots as sooo as front-page story about a gang of she heard the oews yesterday afternoon. It read: "By Virtue of the powers vested in me by sec-Ronald Ridge. She had asked tion 51(3)(c) of the Constitution a reporter to get the reaction of of the Republic of Botswana the police to the story, but the and sections 10 and 11 of the

Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act. L Phandu Tombola Chaha Skelemani, Attnrney General of Botswana, having read the statements in the criminal docket CR NO 91/12/95 from Maun and being satisfied that there is not sufficient evideoce to prosecute, do hereby sinp and discootinue all criminal proceedings against Caitlin Davies ..." The statement is dated 8 May 1998.

While Mrs Davies was fairly confideot that her daughter would get off, Mr Davies was less sure. "I thought there could be something we don't understand," he said. "Although the law is based on British law, some parts are slightly different."

On a visit to Botswana carlier this month Mr Davies had met his daughter's lawyer, who had tried to reassure him. "He said: 'I'm sure you've brought her up to tell the truth so there's nothing to worry about'," Mr Davies said yesterday. "I thought he was just being hopeful."





Caitlin Davies, 34, who faced a possible two years in jail over an article she published in a Botswana newspaper; (right) her father, journalist Hunter Davies

Disabled shut out by wall of prejudice

Social Affairs Correspondent

amongst the most excluded in son, with more men than people believing that those with disabilities are "less intelligeot" than their able-bodied peers, according to a new survey.

The Leonard Cheshire, the leading disability care charity, says the findings of the NOP survey confirm that the public's attitude to disabled people remains a major problem and that the majority of people in Britain regard disabled people as socially excluded.

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More than four in ten people believe it is virtually impossible to get a joh if you are disabled and 53 per ceot of the public has oo regular cootact with disabled people, rising to 60 per cent amongst under-35s.

The NOP survey of 1,000 adults was accompanied by two focus group discussions amongst disabled people. Members of the group said they had felt patronised, excluded, assumed to he stupid and treated as an incoovenience. "I want to be treated as a proper human being," said one participant. "Disabled people have a cormal life as well it's just that people treat the disabled differently." Another said: "I wanted to shout out, I am alive. Don't ignore me."

There is acknowledgment by the public that disabled people are cut-off from the community. More than half of the people in the NOP survey said that disabled people tend to be excluded and not allowed to be useful members of society.

Many disabled people felt the prejudice they encountered was hased oo fear and wider ignorance. "They really do think it's catching ... they think you've got some kind of disease," said one person. More than 50 per ceot of the survey participants said they had no contact with the disabled, although one in teo of the population has a disability.

More than one in five people also said that they became self-conscious and awkward in DISABLED people remain the presence of a disabled persociety, with oearly ooe-third of womeo admitting this. "I think a lot of people find disabled people offensive," said one disabled person. "They think they should be locked away."

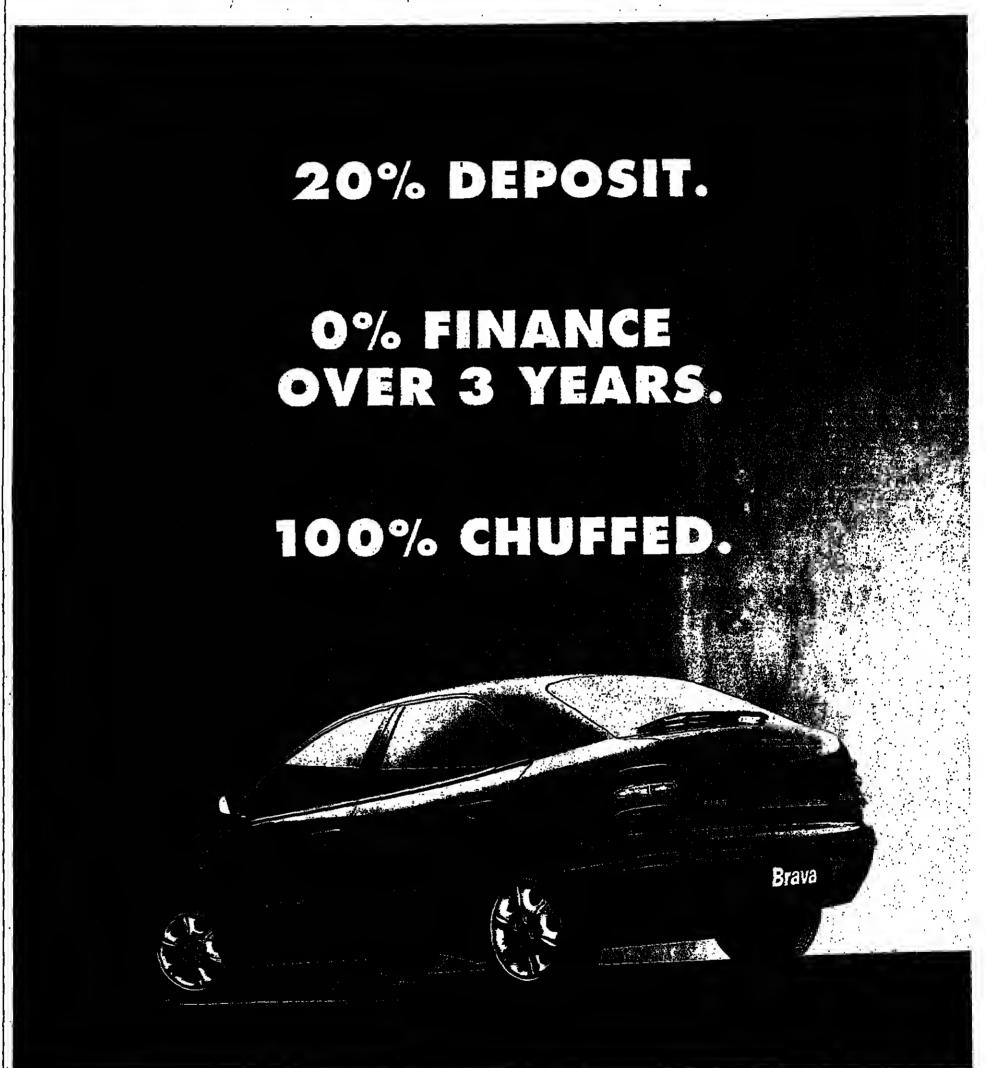
Disabled people spoke of society's low expectations of them, of being assumed to be stupid because of their disability. "Wheo I was in a wheelchair people would talk to the person pushing me and ignore me, like what's wrong with her," said one. "That really used to get oo my tits. I used to think I can't walk but I can talk." In the survey 32 per cent said that a person in a wheelchair could not be intelligent.

Such discrimination and prejudice mean that it is very difficult for a disabled person to find a job and three-quarters of those questioned said if they became disabled their standard of living would fall. 41 per cent believed it was virtually impossible to get a job if you were disabled.

"I was shocked by the findings," said John Knight, author of the report and himself disabled. "We've all been inlied into a false sense of security because of all the noises about civil rights. Then you find a very broad section of society really has no interest or has very oegative views. How is legislation going to work then?" He said the Government should try to combat such prejudice by making sure that issues were dealt with as early as primary school, and that disability, as well as poverty. should be seen as a cause of social exclusion. "Disabled people suffer poverty because of the attitudes which exclude them from society," he added.

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Headteachers' conference: Collective Christian worship attacked as out of date and impractical

End could be nigh for daily school prayers

Education Editor

HEADTEACHERS will this week defy both the Government and Christian campaigners when they call for an end to the daily act of collective worship in schools.

The law requires schools to hold an act of worship of a broadly Christian nature each day. But members of the National Association of Head Teachers, whose conference begins today in Eastbourne, East Sussex, say it is impractical in not Christians and do not want to lead daily worship.

They also say that they have evidence that more and more pupils of other faiths are being withdrawn from assemblies because their parents do not want them to take part in Christian worship. A group of church representatives who reported earlier this year on the future of agree and called on the Government to carry out a review. 'a

David Hart, the association's general secretary, said: "We are in the nonsensical sit-Standards in Education is reporting that a very large num- complied with the law. "I can observing the law on the act of tempt to secularise schools." worship. For secondary schools, the law is an ass and if the law tary of State for Education, has is an ass it should be changed."

There were real practical difficulties in assembling the whole school each day, he said, because many schools simply did not have the facilities to do it. the existing arrangements will "For both secondary and pri- continue in the new types of

ty in getting enough teachers to come forward to lead daily worship. It is out of date to insist on a daily act of Christian worship."

The emphasis should be on morality rather than religion, he suggested.

A motion to be debated at the conference on Thursday asks the Government to change the law to end the requirement for daily worship to allow schools to tackle the teaching of moral values and citizenship elsewhere in the curriculum. Charlie Colchester, executive

director of Christian Action Rean age when most teachers are search and Education, said: "These people are flogging a dead horse. The desire to disenfranchise the Christian content of British education is against the wishes of most parents and the interests of children, Polls show that parents are overwhelmingly in favour of collective worship. We have a Christian education system in this country ... There is protection in law for people collective worship failed to of other faiths, many of whom want us to recognise that this is Christian country."

Colin Hart, director of the Christian Institute, said that between 80 and 90 per ceot of priuation where the Office for mary schools which dominated the associatioo's membership ber of secondary schools are not only assume that this is an at-

> David Blunkett, the Secresaid that he had no intentioo of changing the law oo collective worship in schools. The School Standards and Framework Bill before Parliament ensures that



mary schools there is a difficul- school which the Bill creates. Pupils praying during morning assembly at the Royal School in Windsor, Berkshire,

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Tories draw PM into fray over Sandline

Chief Political Correspondent

THE TORIES are seeking to ensnare Tony Blair into the web surrounding embargo-busting arms shipments by challenging the Prime Minister to disclose whether he was alerted by MI6 to the clandestine operation by Sandline.

The Prime Minister is to be questioned next week over the regular reports he receives from the Secret Intelligence Service (SIS) in the weekly "red book" provided by the Joint Intelligence Committee covering MI6 and MI5.

Tory MPs believe that the Prime Minister should have been informed in the intelligence reports to No 10 about the clandestine supply of arms involving Sandline, the private security company hired to help overthrow the military coup in Sierra Leone. Mr Blair has made it clear

that the Foreign Secretary was in charge of the Foreign Office's handling of the affair but the Tories believe the trail leads to the Prime Minister.

Robin Cook last week confirmed that officials had received tion into Sandline began.

intelligence reports on Sandline's activities from MI6, contrary to earlier assurances, but he maintained the line that minegs a ungs ungs to op to

isters had not been informed. The Tories insist that the Prime Minister should have been informed. John Butterfill, Tory MP for Bournemouth West, has tabled a question to the Prime Minister for answer next Mooday on how many intelli-

gence reports on the activities of

Sandline were submitted to him. "The Prime Minister gets regular reports from the MI6 and he should have known about Sandline. Does this mean he did not tell his own Foreign Secretary, because Mr Cook is saying he did oot know about Sandline? Or are we saying that MI6 never informed the Prime Minister?"

The Foreign Secretary made it clear last week that Sir Thomas Legg's inquiry into the Foreign Office's handling of the Sandline affair will have access to the intelligence reports, written between 8 October 1997, when the UN passed its resolution banning arms to Sierra Leone, and 10 March this year, when the Customs and Excise investiga-

A quarter of viewers ignorant of digital TV

MORE than a quarter of adults equipment needed in bomes to have not heard of digital television, which is being launched in less than six months' time, conducted for Radio Rentals, according to a survey released vesterday.

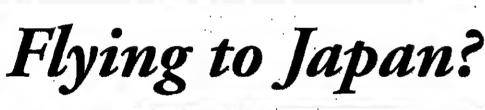
Some 28 per cent of the population are ignorant of the development, which has been billed as the most exciting change in television since colour was introduced 30 years ago. More than 20 per cent believe digital television, which will mean many more channels, will start in 2001 or after, rather than this autumn. And nearly 60 per cent know Photograph: John Lawrence nothing about set-top boxes - the digital will or will oot deliver."

receive the new channels.

The survey of 1,000 adults, shows a public largely unprepared for the system, which uses digital rather than analogue signals. Eighty per cent did not realise that analogue televisioo will eventually be switched off.

The survey results could concern British companies which will be spending around £32bo oo launching digital television.

Mike Ryan, of Radio Rentals, said: "There is a lot of coosumer confusioo about what





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Legs and lungs take you to the top - but it's not climbing

TEN weeks before I stood among the perplexed cocktail party of climbers thwarted on the south summit of Everest, with no rope to reach the main top, I was involved in a serious battle for survival in the mountains of eastern Turkey.

My triend and climbing partner, Steve Lenartowicz, and I sat with our backs braced against one wall of our small tent as a hlizzard enfolded it in snow. We could not resist the onslaught and the tent was being moved by the force of the wind.

However dire our predicament, unbody was going to come to our aid. The Bolkar Toros in winter is an empty place. In two weeks exploring its above the snowline and nobody knew our proposed routes.

So we were faced that morning with duing something that mountaineering - making a decision on which one's life could depend. Should we try to sit out the blizzard in the tent? Should we try to dig a snow hole? Or should we try and retreat to lower ground?

We chose retreat, I was knocked off my skis by the wind at first. But gradually, moving in the hills and bracing ourselves against each snowy blast, we inched our way downhill and after some hours found a more sheltered spot to re-erect our distorted teot.

What has this persooal drama in Turkey to do with Everest? It illustrates something 2 from the south summit, it was that is gone from most expeditioning oo the Big Hill - any sense of freedom or adveoture, that you have got to the top of the world by your climbing skills and mus. Ed Hillary said that from our higher camp we as much on the 40th anniversary of his first asceot with Sherpa Tenzing Norgay. "The sense of freedom and challenge has long disappeared," he wrote in a postscript to a special edition of John Hunt's classic account of the 1953 expeditioo.

When I asked Canadian Byron Smith about this some weeks ago, he said it would be his "legs and lungs" that would . get him to the top. He had only signed up with our tour organisers, Himalayan Kingdom Expeditions, "for the logistics".

The self-confident and self-



Base Camp

more correct. HKE have indeed supplied all the logistics, not just the travel, tents, sleeping hags. cooks, food and porters, but the guides who tell us when to move up the mountain, when to move down, what to wear and what to carry.

The bigger, or richer, expeditions decide which hits of the peaks on skis we saw oot a soul route up the mountain they are going to secure with rope lines so that members have uniy to clip in with karabiners (snap links) or jumars (a device that is the essence of adventure will slide up a rope hut out down) and away they go. After that Byroo is right, it is 'legs and lungs" that get you to the top.

The weather remains a potential killer and there are accidents. But however costly at a personal level, they are

Two or three old hands here at Base Camp have suggested I go back up again and finish the iob now the Hillary Step is laced up. It has been tempting. However, it would be difficult to arrange the Sherpa and other support for a second attempt.

In the hostile atmosphere that greeted our return to Camp made plain by our so-called "team-mates" that Byron and I had had our shot and there was no mention of a second chance. There was great resentment - including leader Dave Walsh - had gooe for what seemed at the time a brief weather window rather than wait for the others to move up from Base Camp.

And could I face the exhausting tedium of re-climbing 3,500 metres of snow and ice? To return to the South Col route would be endurance rather than adventure. And all to tick a summit I had no ambitions upon until a few days before I set off for Nepal.

For the likes of Josie, Byron and Sundeep, Everest had hecome an obsession. For myself, made millionaire meant that it I'd rather go climbing.



Climbers make their final approach to the summit of Everest

Home owners fear cost of vital repairs

Social Affairs Correspondent

WORRIES about the likely cost of housing repairs and mistrust of builders and surveyors are the main reasons why home owners put off tackling essential work on their properties according to a new report.

Most home owners identify routine repairs that are oeeded oo their property, says the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. Yet they often miss more comlex problems or delay too long before taking action.

The report based on two academic studies - one in Bristol, Leicester and London, the other in Scotland - found that owners rarely sought advice from surveyors.

Instead they tended to diagnose the problem themselves or ask relatives or friends. Experience of the limited valuation surveys required by mortgage lenders had left some with the impression that a surveyor's price £11.95 plus £2 p&p.

report would be expensive and uninformative. Owners mentioned bad experiences with "cowboy" builders including delays, bad workmanship and unreliable estimates. First-time buyers, recent movers and single women were especially unlikely to have dependable contacts in the building trade.

The authors of the report called for the Government and mortgage lenders to raise awareness of the importance of keeping homes in good repair. They also recommend that it should be made easier to find a trustworthy builder - in the shortterm by a recommendation scheme for the industry and in the long term by government and the building industry working together to raise standards.

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DAILY POEM

Dogs

By Alan Brownjohn

She was only a postman's daughter, but __ She was only a publican's daughter, but ... She was only a tobacconist's daughter, but ...

She was only a lighthousekeeper's daughter ... - They had what it takes, and it seems the world allowed Them to use it. Were their humble fathers proud?

Did their daughters learn it from them, take after them? Or were the girls defying them, getting blamed For leaving those old men bitter and ashamed?

What of their mothers? We are oever told Which way, if any, they wanted their girls to go. What part they played we never get to know.

Their mothers were like dogs that never barked When footfalls fell during nights as black as ink. What kept them quiet? Whose daughters were they, do you

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Sphinxlike: £2m facelift ready to be unveiled

CAIRO (REUTERS) -- Egypt feted the newly restored Sphinx last night in a lavish, star-studded celebration at the pyramids at Giza overlooking the ancient man-lioo structure.

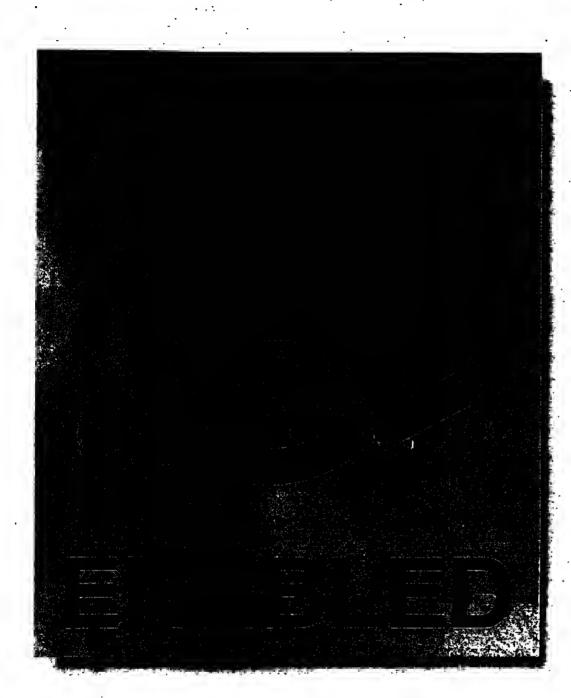
President Hosni Mubarak and his wife, Suzanne, were hosting a party, entertained by a sound and light show detailing the Sphinx's 4,500-year-old tale.

Egyptian archaeologists and architects have spent 10 years repairing the ravages of erosion and rising damp and removing concrete used in earlier work to fix the soft stone structure.

The government hopes the £1.9m restoration will lure more tourists to the Giza plateau and recoup some of the losses Egypt's vital tourism industry suffered after Islamic militants killed 58 holidaymakers in Luxor last November.



The Sphinx at Giza shrouded by a white sheet spangled with gold stars before the official unveiling of the restored statue last night. Photograph: AFP



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Kohl turns to tabloid spin doctor

in Bonn

ROLLING up his sleeves for the coming street-fight, Chancellor Helmut Kohl dumped his chief spokesman yesterday and hired a former tabloid editor to revamp his flagging election campaign.
Ministers had been com-

plaining for months that the message was not getting through. So now, lagging far behind the opposition in the polls, the messenger has been executed. Peter Hausmann, the 47-

year-old voice of Europe's longest-reigning heavyweight, was informed some time around noon yesterday that he was no longer in charge of a committee meeting, owing to his premature Hausmann had earlier pinned his hopes on a partiamentary seat, in the colours of Bavaria's Christian Social Union.

government minister was trying leaks to the public, the dismissal of the chief spokesman was not all that surprising.

Mr Hausmann had been criticised as somewhat ineffectual, caught reluctantly in an impossible job, failing to be the permanently smiling face of a Now the fight is on.

media unfriendly administration. He is to be succeeded by Otto Hauser, an MP of Mr Kohl's Christian Democrat party.

Little is known of Mr Hauser, but rather more about ... the second person to enter Mr Kohl's service yesterday. He is Hans-Hermann Tiedje, former editor of Bild Zeitung, the most successful German tabloid, who joins the Kohl bandwagon as "campaign adviser".

Mr Hausmann was of the old school, a serious journalist illsuited to the dirty world of politics. No one has ever slandered Mr Tiedje as an intellectual. His career is as far down-market as one can get in Germany, and his arrival heralds a shift in Mr Kohl's election strategy.

The Chancellor has been retirement from politics. Mr obliterated by his glitzy opponent, the Social Democrats' Gerhard Schröder. The challenger is young, vigorous, and smiles all the time. With four Coming on the day when a months to go to the elections and the Chancellor six points to explain the oversight of not behind in the polls, there will be reporting dangerous ouclear a relaunch of the Kohl-product. Expect him to talk about Europe a lot less, and to pop into discos in search of the youth vote. And the Chancellor's frame is certain to start filling the television screens.

Cootent - who needs that?

Slovaks defy nuclear fears

By Imre Karacs

THE SLOVAKIAN govern- inable, with catastrophic conment defied international con-sequences". He was particularly cerns yesterday when it vowed concerned about inadequate to commissioo a Soviet-designed ouclear reactor deemed unsafe by experts.

Slovakia ignored protests from Austria, whose border radioactive materials escaping. runs near Mochovce the Soviet-designed plant at Bohunice, and said it would ignite the fuel rods within days.

British presidency of the European Union for help.

Tension between the two countries has been rising since a team of 22 experts. Wolfgang Kromp, the Austrian physicist

leading the team, gave warning of "the biggest accident imagcootainment facilities to cope with a Chernobyl-style leak, and possible weaknesses in the steel casing designed to prevent "Access to data which could have removed this uncertainty was denied," he said.

Austria is in a dilemma. Slo-The Austrian government vakia cannot close the plant unsaid the move was an "affroot til it has another source of to Austria" and appealed to the energy. Austria wants to keep good relations with Slovakia, hoping to encourage Bratislava not lock itself out of Europe.

Nato and the EU have rea visit to Mochovce last week by jected Slovakia's application over its record on human rights and its lack of democracy.

Brussels adds a surreal touch to Magritte show

Karacs. There is, by all aced to keep foreigners away, lest their glance should be mirch the greatest Belgian artist's canvas. Posters announce that all

tickets for Magritte are "sold out". Uotil the end of June, that is, when the exhibition closes.

ART LOVERS heading for "SOS Magritte" cards in the Belgium beware, writes Imre hope of attracting a friendly tout. Because tickets are being counts, a wonderful exhibition sold. "You are unlucky," said the of René Magritte's life works on lady at the cashier's desk with a in Brussels. So wooderful, in smile. "Tve just sold the last two fact, that the authorities in the for today." That was news to an Capital of Europe have decid- Italian, who had been waiting since the previous day. Tickets, he was told, were oot for sale.

"You fool," a friend in Bonn greeted me upon my return. "All you have to do is buy the annual museum pass." Maybe. But the surest way to see a Magritte But it does not seem to be is probably to wait until the show packed. There are no queues, reaches a less surreal city, one that only crowds outside, holding up can deal with the foreign bordes.

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in Hong Kong

GIVEN an opportunity to de-Kong's first post-colonial gov- in 1995 ernment, the people of the territory delivered an enormous rebuff to the administration by voting overwhelmingly in favour of anti-government, prodemocracy candidates in Sunday's Legislative Council. When the votes were couot-

ed yesterday it became clear that

the pro-democracy camp had was achieved by using an elec-won a record 63 per ceot of the was achieved by using an elec-tion system which allows only a spoken former journalist, who popular vote, a considerable improvement oo the 51 per cent liver their verdict on Hong it won at the last election held

> Their success in that election resulted in securing half the seats in the legislature. Under the new system employed in this election, winning some two thirds of the vote gave the prodemocracy candidates just a third of the seats.

This extraordinary outcome

third of the seats to be choseo by the entire electorate. A small body of 800 members, mainly pro-China representatives, se-

lects 15 per cent of the members. The remaining half of the seats are elected by tiny occupational groups and business organisations. The only two seats in this category chosen by an electorate of any size returned pro-democracy candidates.

One of the higgest vote win-

described the election system as "an absolute disgrace" which "makes Hong Kong a laughing stock".

Only one pro-Peking party, the working class-based Democratic Alliance for the Betterment of Hong Kong, managed a respectable performance. The party known for its most slavish support of the Chinese government, the Hong Kong Progressive Alliance, did

not even dare to field candidates the economic downturn. Alin seats filled by the electorate.

Both the conservative Liberal Party and a smaller party which switched sides to participate in Chinese appointed bodies, were humiliated when their leaders were rejected by the voters.

Voters appear to be punishing the pro-government parties for supporting the abolition of the elected legislature, and delivering a protest vote against the government's handling of

though the government won a Pyrrhic victory by ensuring that it has a majority of supporters in the new legislature, the results of the election are bound to increase pressure for greater

democracy Martin Lee, leader of the Democratic Party, described the election as "a victory for Hong Kong's democracy". He said that the higher than ex-

pected turnout (53 per cent) and

the result demonstrated "Hong

Kong people's disappointment with the political system".

Yeung Sum, the Democrats' deputy leader, said there was no longer any excuse for postponing an extension of democracy. However, on polling day Time Chee-hwa, Hong Kong's Chief Executive, insisted that there was oo reason to revise existing plans for a review of the election system in 2007.

As nearly all the members of the democratic camp have been elected by something like 1,000

the pro-China camp, they have a far more credible mandate than their counterparts. The largest single party in the Legislative Council will be the Democratic Party.

This will create a formidable opposition to the administration. "It's the difference betweeo a lap dog and a watchdog," said Michael De-Golyer, director of the Hong Kong Transitioo Project, a public opinion study.

Circus brings hope to street children of lawless Colombia

By Phil Davison n Cali, Colombia

FELICITY SIMPSON packed a bag and ran away to the circus. The year was 1980, she was 16, the home she was leaving behind was in Shepherd's Bush, London, her destination across the channel in France.

She has performed around the world since then but can now be found, with some difficulty, in the lawless, drug and violenceinfested shanty slums of Cali, teaching gluesniffing street children how to juggle, play the concertina, ride a one-wheeled cycle or walk a tightrope.

Now 34, Felicity and her professional partner, Cali native Hector Fabio Cobo, run probably the world's only professional circus school for street children. It is based in an old car warehouse in a working class Cali suburb but, piling into a beaten-up open top fruit delivery van at weekends, they also take it to the forgotten children of the slums in an effort to give them hope.

It is an incongruous sight to see a tall, blonde Loodooer, whose flueot Spanish is sprinkled with Portuguese and French words idioms and inflexions, teach circus tricks to muddy-faced urchins in areas the police and army do not dare to eoter.

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ritte show

In the Agua Blanca slums she visits with her Cico para Todos (Circus for Everyone), there have been 543 murders, mostly drugs or politically-motivated, so far this year. There are more than 100 gangs and countless sicarios (teenge hitmen) prepared to borrar ("rub out") aryone in return for £40.

Ironcally, the poverty is partly due to the run-lown in the Cali economy caused by the alling of the Call cartel's top druglors. The cocaine business had a Putting tem out of business also put a lot of street:hewing gum vendors out of busi-

ness," sad Hector. "Thes barrios are really no-go areas. But you get espect because you can do something the can't, like ride a unicycle," Felicity tokme after her tecoage instructors, street chitren she and Hector trained, held a workship in the Agua Blanca slums this week, teching shoeless children the basics of acrobtics, jnggling, riding a unicycle or walkingon stilts. "The great thing about circus ishat it brings down class barriers."

The hildren, some bomeless, others



Children of Circo para Todos (Circus for all) show off their new skills

with parents and roofs over their heads, were in their element, giggling and screaming as the circus school instructors belied them form human pyramids and sbowed them how to do somersaults without burting themselves.

"These kids' lives are an endless balancing act. This gives them equilibrium, selfconfidence, self-worth, a purpose. The excitement of something new gives them a balance between challenge and achievability. Many of them have come off glue and drugs as a result. You can't balance on a highwire if you've been sniffing glue. Being part of trickle own effect from top to bottom. a circus gives them a different kind of high."

After studying with the late French clown Annie Fratellini in France, Felicity moved to Brazil in 1984, met Hector, an offbeat repertoire and the duo's tango act though both were foreign, they were chosen to represent Brazil in the prestigious Circus Festival of Tomorrow in Paris in 1989.

were a bit off the wall for them," said Fe-

us, the Coup de Coeur, I guess because it was heartfeit."

Felicity and Hector saw that they were bringing out dreams and counter-balancing the street children's violence and aggression, they realised their act had increasingly become a socio-cultural project. Since there were already 18 circus schools in Brazil but none in Colombia, they decided to move to Cali to belp the forgotten children of the street. "We had always wanted to geograte something here, to do our bit to create a new generation,"

"The problem with the glue is that it affects the lungs and the brain. They start trembling and can't do without it. A lot of them just die and no one ever knows," be said as we watched ragged boys of eight years old in ceotral Cali inhaling deeply from little bottles every few steps.

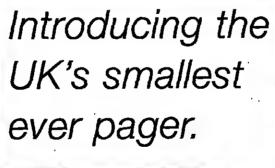
Felicity raised funds from the the municipality of Cali, the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund, the Loodoo-based Children of the Andes (via a National Lottery grant) and other charities. Last Wednesday, the renowned Canada-based Cirque du Soleil put on a gala performance in New York's Battery Park, partly to raise funds for the Cali project which first got off the ground in 1995. The circus school itself opened last summer with 45 students, many of them street children.

"Wheo we first opened the school the inhalantes (the inhalers or glue-sniffers) came in sniffing from their frasquitos (little bottles). The circus was like a magnet. In the beginning they'd hand over their bottles to the instructor at the start of the acrobatics mat, do an unsteady forward roll. and ask for their bottle back at the other end," Felicity said.

"Then we gave them lockers with their names on them, to put their bottles in, but all-round artiste, and they started an act been sniffing cola (glue used for sticking on called the Intrepid Troupe, known for its shoe soles). They never knew the day of the week so they forget when to come back. But (he on stilts, she on a tail unicycle). Al- eventually, as they got more interested, they started giving the stuff up. After one of our boys, Jesus, gave up the habit, we rewarded him by letting him perform in a show we put "They weren't quite ready for us. We on for the Princess Royal last November when she was here on behalf of Save the Chillicity. "But the audience response was so dren. He was thrilled. I never thought I'd great that they created a special prize for ever see a real princess,' he told me.'



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Prisoners who refuse to come out of jail

By Richard Lloyd Parry

ONE night in November 1993, a month before she was due to be married, Sri Rahayu B J Habibie found themselves dreamed that her fiance's en- in the bizarre position of pleadgagement ring disappeared ing with their own political from her finger. They had prisoners to leave their cells and known one another for six walk out of prison. years; in ten days' time they were due to be married. When donesia's president, Mr Habi-Sri Rahayu woke the next bie took his most significant step morning in her village in Cen- yet towards promised political tral Java, the the ring was still there. But her fiance. Nuku, had of the country's prisoners of gone. Yesterday she stood out- conscience. By last night, "oeside Cipinang prison in Jakar- gotiations" were underway with ta, with ber ring still oo ber finger, still waiting for him to Bintang Pamungkas, another income back.

A fortnight ago, the only hope was patience. Nuku Su- Muchtar Pakpahan. Their resentence - increased to five on peared to be held up on a appeal - for "insulting" Presi- remarkable technicality - while dent Suharto. His crime was to the government called its have printed a series of stickers change of heart an "amnesty",

ter of Disaster", and he was due "The correct words should be August. But last night, the government of the new President

Five days into his term as In-"reforms" by pledging to release two of the most prominent - Sri sulter of Suharto, and the dissident trade unioo leader,

to complete his sentence in. 'freed from any conditions at all'," said Sri Bintang earlier. "Freedom is really our right."

> As the two waved and smiled from the prison balcony yesterday, hundreds of friends, relatives and supporters of prisoners, including Sri Rahayu, gathered outside, singing, chanting and blocking the road. East Timorese called for the release of their guerrilla leader Xanana Gusmao - at present, the Timorese resistance and the communists seem unlikely to win pardons, but that may change in time.

A few weeks ago, in any case, to have unfurled banners reading "Free Xanana" or supporting the outlawed People's laiman received a four year lease has been agreed, but it ap Democratic Party would have meant instant arrest by vigilant police. Yesterday, the soldiers apparently as jubilant and re-



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Indonesia prepares to enter a new era

By Richard Lloyd Parry

IN A startlingly swift reaction to the economic and political crisis engulfing Indonesia, Presideot BJ Habibie yesterday promised to release political prisoners, hold early elections, and comprehensively overhaul his country's discredited legal

and political systems. In a televised cabinet meeting, his third speech to the na- parliamentary assembly crided tion within five days of taking as a forum for Suharto donies.

Office, Mr Habibie set out a pro
In another grim portut for gramme which, if implemented, would dismantie the apparatus ment announced a rejew of of 32 years of repression under contracts with companie asso-President Suharto in the space ciated with members of Mr of a year.

the latest in a series of gestures contracts between the sate oil designed to convince both Indonesians and the outside world filiates Perta and Perlindo, that the oew government is controlled by Suharto'sons, genuinely intent on reforming Indooesia after mooths of of Jakarta announced a view vociferous student demonstra- of deals with foreign commies, tions and riots which killed 500 including Thames Water and a people in Jakarta and lead to son and business associate of the the suddeo resignation of Pres- former president. ideot Suharto last week.

justice minister, Muladi, appeared on the balcony of Jakarta's Cipinang Jail to confirm that some of the country's thousands the Jakarta share market wich of political prisoners would be closed down 1.26 per cent at 40 released, beginning tomorrow.

The chief of the armed forces, General Wiranto, widely suspected of being the real power behind the oew government, made his own gesture of openness with the announcement of a report into the incident which sparked last week's uprising in Jakarta: the deaths of six university students, shot by military snipers during a peaceful demonstration at Jakarta's elite Trisakti University.

"Eight armed forces soldiers are suspected of shooting the students," he said. "Also six officers are suspected of supporting the 202 million people.

incident through unprocedural and undisciplined actions.

In the last few days, General Wiranto has consolidated his hold on the military by purging a number of senior officers including the former president's amhitious son-in-law, Lieuteoant-General Proowo Subianto. He also announced that his wife and daughter had resigned their seats in the People's Consultative Assembly, a

the former regime, the overn-Subarto's family. The nergy company Pertamina andits af-Tommy and Bambang. Te city

Many Indonesians arecep-In the afternoon, the oew tical of the sincerity of Mr. Habibie's intentions, and his promises yesterday did lite to stir the beleaguered rupia or points. This morning, the nternational Monetary Ful's Asia Director, Hubert Neiss III arrive to resume negotiations the IMF's aid package whit was repeatedly derailed by I

Suharto's changes of mind. "We must honestly adm that our success in overcomi the economic crisis dependent largely on foreign loans, espe cially to finance imports of rav material and spare parts," Pres

ideot Habibie said yesterday. As the economic crisis wors ens, there is rising coocer about hunger in the country of

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The flight of the great dictators

As President Suharto contemplates life after dictatorship, his fellow despots show it is possible still to find a safe haven

FORMER president Suharto of Indonesia is probably feeling more apprehensive now than he has dooe at any time in the last 34 years, as he contemplates his future. He has certainly made adequate financial arrangements for himself and his family, but he cannot guarantee he will have access to the billions he has milked from the Indonesian econnmy. Neither can be guarantee that he will even be able to stay in his own

Nevertheless, the fate of the dictators of the second half of the twentieth century does not represent a universally bleak picture for him. True, many men of his age or thereabouts died soon after leaving office. President Mobutu of Zaire did not have a long and happy retirement; ocither did the Central African Republic's Emperor Bokassa, oor Malawi's Hastings Banda. Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines keeled over when in exile in Hawaii.

But there are others who are managing to live in comfort, and even luxury - no matter how many thousands. of their own people they murdered.

Idi Amin Dada of Uganda was in power for nine years between 1971 and 1979. During this time, he set new standards of cruelty and violence notil he fled the country in 1979 following a Tanzanian-backed invasion. After he was ousted, it was estimated that he had been responsible for the murder of 300,000 of his own subjects - a rate of 7,000 a week.

After his expulsion, Amin escaped to Libya and later to Saudi Arabia, where he was provided with a house and an income,

Mengistu Haile Mariam, the former Ethiopian dictator, is being tried in absentia for genocide and crimes against humanity. Despite extradition attempts, "the black Stalin" found safe haven in Harare in 1991 courtesy of another African despot, Robert Mugabe. The cost to the increasingly impoverished Zimcurity and the other expenses has so

Millions of Ethiopians died of famine and civil war under Mengistu's rigid Marxist rule. He and former political cronies are accused of It is forecast that the teetering Muordering the execution of 1,823 opponents, including former Emperor Haile Sclassic.

· In November 1995, Meogistu escaped an assassination attempt by an Eritrean who later told a Zimbabwean court that his genitals were permanently damaged after he was

n-Claude (Baby Doc) Duratier fled his native Halfi in February 1986, using only to dig up the remains of his father (the even more revised Paper Boc) and remote several hundred million dollars in cash from the central bank. His life in gliddel edia is as become The US went into Panama with guns blazing in 1989, calling it "Operation Just Cause". The object of the exercise was to oust the man known as Old Pineapple Face: General Manuel Antonio Norlega, the so-called "military strongman" of the Isthmus state. It took 23,000 US troops and cost \$150 million; between three and tour hundred Panamanians were idled in what became a personal crusade for George Bush. Norlega was dragged to America, put on Once, he was a key ally of the Americans, and on the CIA payrolf. But nice years later, Norlega is in prison in Homestead, Plorida, serving a forty year stratch for drug trafficking, conspiracy and would loss the right to return to France, in April last year, he ave a susphinia knowled to a radio station in Miami in which telephone, interview to a result season in mission in which he shidthe intended to play a "full role" as a "simple workingshigh the transformation of Halfi into a "Pluralist democracy, devoted to "liberty, peace, progress and sering. The former dictator has fought his sentence. arguing - amongst other things - that a key witness was bribed, and die not testify truthfully. But just a month ago, eneral Alfredo Stroessner has lived in Brazillan exte since most half 1989, when another Rodriguez, put an end to and repression, iffs colleagues: Yes, she was quiety told, it was indeed the former Ugandan dictator. He called the news agency almost every rule was characterise "disappearances" of left-wino opponents, who no doubt passed through his clandestine torture camps before they were disposed of. He gave boring in his Saudi exile. Rumoured to have both a swiming pool and a large haven to Nazis, "bought" virgin schoolghis from villa at his disposal, ex-President Amin has been quarted by Saudi security men ever stroce he fled Uganda. He has been seen in Mecca making the have him extradited - arguing that when he was traditional Muslim pilorimage, dressed only in a long white gown, but his residency is conditional on not malding political statements. lengistu Haile Mariam is lucky The climate is pleasing, the apartment comfortable and that there is at least one tikeminded Marxist-Leninist still in well situated in an exclusive power in Africa, in Zimbabwe's. high-rise with a marvellous view President, Robert Mugahe, he has a over Panama Bay. This is the triend of iron loyalty. Under the "Red Terror" that Mengistu visited on Ethlopia Cedras, the disgraced former Haltian from 1977 to 1991 between 50,000 and military chief, spends his days, 200,000 people perished. Impressed by quietly writing his memoirs - and no the political correctness of Mendistr's doubt doing a bit of shopping in the policies, Mugabe has given him a luxurious home near Harare, with all knowy shopping mails of the exclusive Paltilla neighbourhood. As the security he could wish for, and he has made sure the Zimbabwean part of the agreement to persuade Codras to leave Halff, the United texpayer has coughed up getting on for a million pounds over recent years, States agreed to pay him, and his wife and three children, a monthly for the privilege of having the former dicatator as a neighbour. That money would allowance of \$5,000 - perhaps to tide him over till he got his hands on some of go a long way in the impoverished rural areas of Zimbabwe, but Magabe is not well the millions he squirrelled away in US banks during his time in charge. Cedras ruled known for putting the welfare of his own people before the friendship of Mandst cronies. Halti during a brutal three-year dictatorship that ended in 1994. The terrorised citizens of Halit danced in the streets in their thousands when a US chartered plane whisked him away. The Hallian authorities then wanted him extractited to answer charges of homicide, toffure, and illegal detention of Haitian chizens, but so far without success.

groups in Zimbabwe have their way the two dictators may soon be house sharing in some foreign backwater. year. gabe will not last until 2002, the next

presidential elections. Jean-Claode (Baby Doc) Duvalier, 46, former Haitian dictator and French Riviera playboy, fled Haiti in 1986 and has been virtually a missing person for three years. He is still living in France, flitting from apart-

ty of Mr Mogabe. If opposition mother - Mama-Doc, wife of Papa-Doc, Haitian dictator for three decades - died on 26 December last

At first, Baby Doc lived in some style with his wife, two children and mother at a villa in Vallauris, near Cannes, rented for £80,000 a year. In 1990 his wife, Michèle, having gone through much of their money, left him for a local husinessman. When they were divorced in 1991, Michèle got custody of the children

jittery about the increasing unpop-western suburbs of Paris, where his terfailing to pay the rent for several reconciliation".

Report by Mary Braid, Robert Fisk, John Lichfield, Phil Davison and James Roberts

months, he was forced into a ocarby bungalow. A cloud of other unpaid hills forced him to leave the Riviera the following year; since then he has been reported to be in the Paris area, staying with a series of exhe told a Miami radin station he has since lived in a luxury apartment

tortured by Mengistu's henchmen. ment to apartment among the exiled and most of what remained of the wanted to help transform Haiti into block called the Nuevo Emperador Otherwise, Mengistu has been sit- Haitian community. His last known cash. Baby Doc clung on at the vil- a "pluralist democracy" devoted to in Panama's Paitilla district. babwean tax payer for Mengistu's se-ting pretty. However he is said to be address was in Saint-Cloud, in the la, with his mother, until 1994. Af- "liberty, peace, progress and

> Mr Suharto would prohably rather not wish to follow the example of Manuel Noriega of Panama - currently incarcerated in a Florida jail. He may reflect, on the 0ther hand, that Ranul Cedras, responsible for the untold suffering of thousands of Haitians, is living in

some style in Panama. Uoder a deal cut by mediators led by former US President Jimmy Carter, Cedras iled Haitian friends. In April last year, and his henchmen fled Haiti and he

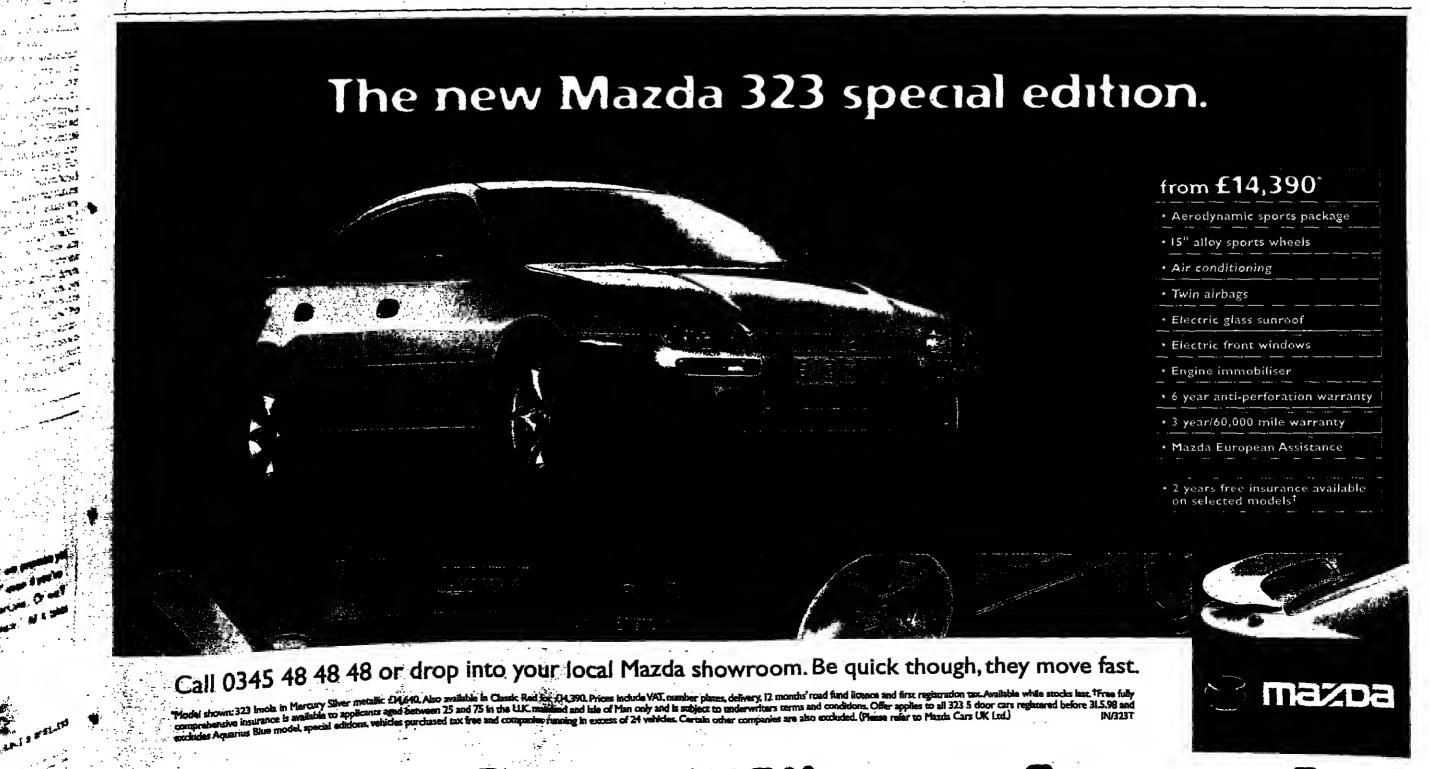
. Cedras is said to be a wealthy man from the proceeds of arms and par- district, favoured by foreign diplocotics sales and other businesses he was cut into while in power.

Haiti has asked for his extraditioo but the Panamanian authorities have always found technicalities they say make extraditioo impossible.

Alfredo Stroessner, who during a time in power that lasted roughly as long as Suharto's, tortured and murdered his way through the Paraguayan opposition. But he now lives in neighbouring Brazil, in a mansion oo the outskirts of the capital, Brasilia.

Granted asylum by the Brazilian authorities, he and his wife keep a low profile in the upmarket Lago Sul mats, politicians and company executives. He rarely ventures heyond his froot porch, where the couple have occasionally been seen sunning themselves, but he is said to be still a very wealthy man.

But Suharto might be most attracted to the example of one General Pinochet of Chile, who ousted a democratically-elected Marxist government in 1973, but after a career littered with atrocities has oow just been made a senator for life.





Toni Morrison (above) read from her new novel with relaxed, mellow, good-humoured authority Photograph: UPP

Straight from the author's mouth

Some writers reveal a natural eloquence when they read from their work. The Nobel Prize-winning novelist Toni Morrison has such a gift. By Michael Glover

ing increasingly passiooate about making literary dates race at all... with live authors in performance - the touch, smell, see and (almost) feel factor. For example, seldom has a mere povelist received such a rapturous welcome as the black, Nobel Prize-winning author Toni Morrison when she appeared at the Institute of Education in centrai London.

They stood and cheered. They waved their discounted copies of her new novel in the air. Why? Because the event was organised by Dillons, and Toni Morrison is not so much an individual novelist as a representative voice of hlack people throughout the world-the voice of people shaping and redefining their own histories.

She therefore appeals to two quite distinct types of reader. She is both a popular author, who writes with a compelling simplicity, and a favourite choice of those preparing arduous theses on the classics of slave literature. She wins both ways.

The earnest human resources manager with the badly chipped, green toenails who was sitting oext to me told me that she had tried and tried again to get on to the Toni Morrison option at Cape Town University, where she had majored in English. Alas, the course was too popular ...

But some authors seem to have a natural, God-given eloquence, too. Words issue from them, unforced, like water from a mountain spring, with a glorious shapeliness and cogency. Seamus Heaney is such a man. And so was Laurie Lee, though he may have hurnished the truth somewhat from time to time to fit the demands of the

One of the consequences of this gift is that lesser mortals become confounded in the presence of such people. They seem

incapable of competing in the

This thought struck me as I watched and listened to Toni Morrison reading from Pandise. There was a great dignity and screnity about the performance.

BOOK LOVERS are becom- awkward, flustered, ill at ease, sentences that seemed to have make this a palpable and pasbeen honed beforehand. A girlasked her about the influence of music upon her use of language. Generally speaking, music was of secondary importance, replied Morrison. A more crucial matter was the act of col-

> 'Paradise' follows the lives of four young Oklahoma women who take refuge in a former convent in the state. The passage below is from the novel's opening:

'They shoot the white girl first. With the rest they can take their time. No need to hurry out here. They are seventeen miles from a town which has ninety miles between it and any other. Hiding places will be plentiful in the Convent, but there is time and the day has just begun.

They are nine, over twice the number of the women they are obliged to stampede or kill and they have the paraphernalia for either requirement: rope, a palm leaf cross, handcuffs, Mace and sunglasses, along with clean, handsome guns.

They have never been this deep in the Convent. Some of them have parked Chevrolets near its porch to pick up a string of peppers or have gone into the kitchen for a gallon of barbecue sauce; but only a few have seen the halls, the chapel, the schoolrooms, the bedrooms. Now they all will.'

Reading with relaxed, mellow, good-humoured authority she picked about amidst her words like some gardener working a familiar, beloved plot, taking every phrase, and every word within each of those phrases, at its nat-

laboration betweeo author and

"I'd like my language to invite and have resonances that the reader supplies, to summon up complicated thoughts and feelings. You bring your own seosuality into a scene. If the words She answered questions in are placed right, we together

sionate event... More's the pity then that the organisers should have chosen the editor of the Times, Peter Stothard, to introduce a woman who was capable of choosing her words with such care, and with such atteotion to the radiant detail.

Poor Stothard, locked inside his dark and dingy day suit, looked sweaty, pent and mildly embarrassed. He bore an uncanny resemblance to a birotwirling John Majorette - or could that have been a mere trick of the light? His salt-andpepper hair seemed freshly sheared by some madman who had just jumped out from behind the hut in the allotment. Had the madman charged for his grotesque performance - or had Stothard thrown the money at him before taking to his

heels? We shall never know. All he could think to say when Toni Morrison had finished reading from her book was: "Thank you, thank you, thank you, and ... well, thank yoo once again ... I hope that the audience will now come down from the hypnotic state in which you are ..." We all laughed. Well, what intelligent person - and there were many of them in this audience would not have laughed at such a sentence structure?

But it was oot the sentence structure alooe, it was the way in which the words had managed to slip out of his mouth in the first place, as if the appearance of every single one had involved not only an act of pushing out, but also a simultaneous swallowing - difficult, dangerous and evidently painful - of individual teeth.

Toni Morrison, being gracious and forgiving, merely smiled indulgeotly.

'Paradise' is published by Chatto & Windus, price 16.99.

Why is Mona Lisa smiling? Because she likes the music

A new production takes the paintings and drawings of Leonardo da Vinci and turns them into life using dance and 16th-century music. By Richard D North

an excuse to go and watch him moving bodies - a clue to the obdance, but his performance servational mission in which the tonight in the Covent Garden dancer is engaged. Under Netia Festival will be something more Davan Wetton's direction, he than a display of lithe, athletic aims to animate not just what we and rhythmic muscularity. It will also be a display of musculature ings and drawings, but something

for its own sake - and then something more than that, too.

see in Leonardo da Vinci's paintof the spirit behind them.

The project is titled Music On the table in Kemp's for the Mona Lisa. The music rehearsal studio lies a copy of is early 16th century, mostly

music group directed by Mark

The inspiration for the project was provided by Vasari's Lives of the Artists (published in 1550), in which Levy read that da Vinci created the Mona Lisa while listening to music. The artist loved, understood and played music. It satisfied his mission to see the mathemat-

sic played most directly on the emotions. Hence the probable interest in playing both artist and sitter some upbeat tunes from the new, emotionally free music available at the start of

the 16th century. One of the da Vinci quotations in the readings which accompany Kemp's dancing to Concordia's music captures

WILLIAM Kemp is so beautiful you would not really oeed photographs of freeze-framed played by Corncordia, the early was always accepted that mupaint two things above all paint two things above all others: the person and the intent of that person's soul." This required a painter to capture mood and expression, and that required a "snapshot" approach. Hence the excitement surrounding the Mona Lisa: the smile was quite new to art, and the artist's devotion to a fleeting moment demonstrates high technical achievement.

This was frozen movement sion for melancholy. Concordia Crye is Elizabethan and early as surely as a Muybridge, or one of Kemp's sudden stillnesses, threatening to topple over, at the end of a vigorous jump or two. Suddenly, he is a spearthrower, arrested, as though ready for dissection by da Vin-

ci's scalpel or peocil. In a second Concordia performance of early 6th-century music, Levy and his collaborator will concentrate on the paswill play viol music as a background to Crye, a very strong but accessible poem commissiooed from and read by Glyn Maxwell, about the grief of the English Civil War.

Levy says: "There is a great deal of miserable music for viol. It can make very fugitive, sombre music. It was often used at funerals and solemn occasions. In fact, much of the music for Jacobean, rather earlier than the Civil War."

'Music for the Mona Lisa', BOC Covent Garden Festival of Opera and Music Theatre, Cochrane Theatre, London WC2, 7.30pm, 26 May (0171 420 0171). 'Crye'. Old Operating Theatre, London SEI, 7.30pm, 9 June (0171 955 4791). CDs are available on Metronome (01326 377738).

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Surreal life documentary

The hype is true, Armando lannucci is arguably the funniest man in Britain. By James Rampton

THE PRESSURE is on when you have been described by one newspaper as "the funniest man in Britain". Sour critics is there any other kind? - are likely to come to your shows wanting to bury, not praise, you. So, it is my sad, professional duty to report that Armando lannucci lives up to the hype.

In the early days of his BBC2 programme. The Friday Night Armistice, accusations of smugness were levelled at him. But in his new live show, called Out of His Box, Iannucci appears to be more relaxed, as though he were just chatting to a few mates - with the odd rogue heckler thrown in, of course.

Taking questions from the audience and reading extracts from his book, Facts and Fancies, lannucci claims not to be your average "set-up/punchline" stand-up.

"I don't do jokes, as such," he announced early on at the Junction in Cambridge last Wednesday, "You know, things with a smile and jest, 171 make like: 'How does a kangaroo you a chest."



lannucci: 'I don't do jokes'

change a tap?" 'It can't. At best it can locate the source of a water-leak by jumping up and down on your house." He goes on to rail against the

ubiquity of stand-ups. "They do everything. You see them reading the news and doing carpentry. Harry the Hammer Peters, stand-up carpenter -

Fred Astaire, Iannucci simply dances round potential troublemakers in the audience. When someone at last week's show shouted out, for no discernible reason, "You're a biscuit", Iannucci came back immediately with: "Crumbs," He says: "That's a little response I've perfected. Only had to use it once before - when I was doing a conference for Bourbon." Some of the material is of du-

bious taste - suffice it to say that Frank Sinatra, Princess Diana, Woody Allen and George Michael all make appearances. And at close on three hours, the show could do with a bit of edit-

These are minor quibbles, however, about a performer whose surreal imagination sets him apart. For example, he constructs a compelling routine around the idea of a small village in Turkey which holds an annual Robin Cook Festival. "They sing nursery rhymes about having an ethical foreign

As quick on his feet as policy and bake cakes in the shape of a hypocrite."

Later, he imagines the runners-up io a competition to choose ocw names for the stars of Gladiutors - "Hosepipe Ban",
"Antwerp", "John Pilger", and
"Captain Mainwaring". And he
Amando lannucci performs 'Out reflects on installing a new showcr-unit which promises "three exciting water-patterns" - "It would be exciting if the water arched in the shape of Aliah's

Channel 4's chief executive 63837).

was spotted in the audience at last Wednesday's show. So, what can we expect to see next from Iannucci? Will he turn up as presenter of Channel 4 News?

of His Box' at: 28 May, The Gantry, Southampton, (01703 229 319); 29 May, The Phoenix Arts Centre, Leicester, (0116 225 4854): 30 and 31 May, the Kilkenny Festival, Ireland (056

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Dr Malcolm Peet with some of the fish oil-based tablets that some schizophrenia sufferers claim have drastically improved their lives

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Is fish oil the cure for schizophrenia?

Sufferers around the world say adding the simplest medicine to their treatment has changed their lives. By Kendra Inman

on to the Internet and as usual went straight to the schizophrenia forum. What she read last year, the researchers at formed her life and that of her 40-year-old schizophrenic son. The article described how researchers at the University of Sheffield believe the key to treating schizophrenia may be found in fish oil.

Anne put her son, who was already taking the schizophrenia drugs Zyprexa and Lithium, on high doses of fish oil. Since then he has improved daily.

"He has been homebound for years," she told fellow Internet surfers. "He is now fishing, hitting golf balls in the yard and reading the sports page."

Before long other benefits emerged, she says. A few weeks after taking the oil her son's doctor was confident enough about his progress to lower the dosage of his other drugs and, "he is now doing even bet-

Anne's experience caused a stir on the schizophrenia web site. Over recent months, a flurry of e-mails have passed between schizophrenia sufferers and their families aboot the benefits of fish oil. If other families experience the same remarkable changes the effect oo the NHS, as well as thousands of sufferers will be dramatic.

Each year the NHS spends £810m oo treating Britain's schizophrenics. They are the third most costly group of patients to the NHS, after learning disability and stroke victims. Over £32 million is spent oo drugs like the anti-psychotics used to control the most disturbing schizophrenic symptoms such as hallucinations. delusions and voices*.

Now psychiatrist Dr Malcolm Peet and his team at Sheffield believe they have found a treatment which is easily obtainable and at a fraction of the cost of drug thera-

So far two studies have shown that patients given high doses of fish oil in addition to symptoms improve by more than a quarter. In September a stage further, using several different formulations of EPA, a type of fish oil, and 75 patients - the research should be completed by the summer.

Dr Peet is pleased with the results so far but emphasises that the work is at an early stage. On no account must patients stop taking their medication and rely on fish oil, he says. "We have no proof to support a sole treatment approach," he says.

One hundred and fifty miles away in Hammersmith Hospi-

Six weeks into treatment and Dr Puri was amazed: "I have never seen a patient get better so quickly."

tal London, one man has watched with astonishment the remarkable transformation of . a 31-year-old schizophrenic after treatment with EPA - a change all the more remarkable because the patient had oever undergone conventional drug treatment for his condition.

Like Dr Peet, Basant Puri, consultant psychiatrist at Hammersmith hospital, was aware of studies linking schizophrenia with a depletion of certain farty acids. But studies were hindered by the fact that most schizophrenics receive drug treatments of one form or another. As a result it was hard for researchers to have a clear picture of the effect of substances like EPA.

"The ideal is to have patients who are drug naive". Dr Puri

ONE day last year Anne logged their usual drugs have seen explains. "I came across a patient who had refused medication and, after I explained the hypothesis to him, he was keen

Only six weeks into treatment and Dr Puri and his patient were amazed at the improvements: "I have never seen a patient get better so quickly.'

The man had suffered hallucinations and was anxious and withdrawn when he arrived at Dr Puri's clinic. He had been diagnosed as a schizophrenic three years before but had only ever takeo one tablet of the drug sulpiride - be refused to take any more after experieocing side-effects.

After a daily dose of EPA, "he is now up and about and trying to pursue an Open University degree course," Dr Puri says. He is convinced that the man's recovery is no fluke. The patient's illness had never been episodic and his symptoms had heen constant for two years. Also he had been involved with several research studies and so was unlikely to have improved as a result of extra atteotioo he got from the team.

Schizophrenia is the most feared and misunderstood mental illness. In the eyes of the public it turns its 250,000 British sufferers from Dr Jekylls into Mr Hydes, ordinary men and women into killers. Illinformed press coverage has demonised sufferers and fuelled public fears about the condition.

The community care reforms have been condemned for releasing volnerable and sometimes volatile or dangerous individuals into the community without proper support. Fragile support networks have brokeo down and led to a number of well-publicised tragedies.

In the 1950s, two French anti-psychotic drug, Chlorpromazine, which revolutionised the treatment of severe mental illness and allowed people to be treated in the community.

In the last 40 years doctors have learned to transplant hearts and make babies in tubes, but there has been surprisingly little progress in drug therapies during that time, says Dr Peet.

The first drug was quickly followed by others that act in much the same way, by blocking messages to receptors in the brain. Even the latest versions produce a range of distressing and damaging side effects.

While they work to reduce hallucinations and delusions they do nothing for the apathy and emotional bluntness experienced by patients, says Dr Peet. And large doses can make these symptoms worse. New kids on the block, such

as Clozapine, produce fewer side effects but have other problems. Schizophrenics on anti-psychotic drugs can also develop the symptoms associated with Parkinsons disease and experience stiff muscles, a shuffling walk and limited facial movements.

About a fifth of patients on long-term treatment develop a condition called tardive dyskinesia, with sudden involuntary facial or body movements and difficulty swallowing and walking. Long-term drug treatment exacerbates the condition and there is evidence that symptoms continue even after drug treatment stops, leaving patients, "effectively brain damaged".

The fish oil story began five years ago after Dr Peet noticed evidence that due to a geoetic flaw, schizophrenics' cell membranes lack certain polyunsaturated fatty acids which affects the development of the brain.

Inspired by this work, Dr Peet's team cooducted a pilot study in 1993 of 20 patients. The results were encouraging.

They indicated that the more polyunsaturated fatty acids a patient consumed the fewer symptoms they had.

Determined to test the theory further, a year later the Sheffield team conducted a

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It is a shame that schizophrenics have had to wait 40 years for something available in the local chemist

trial to see if supplementing patients' diets with high doses of fatty acids would repair the damage and affect the course and outcome of the condition.

In a double blind trial that demands neither side knows what they are administering or receiving, 45 patients already on anti-psychotics and still exhibiting symptoms took one of two types of fish oil, EPA or

DHA, or a com oil placebo. The results were startling. The team found symptoms reduced by a quarter in those who took

Snake oil, fish oil, what's the difference some asked? Dr Peet admits to having encountered initial scepticism from psychiatrists but a great deal of interest by autritionists.

If fish oil proves to be the key to a new dawn in the treatment of schizophrenia then Dr Peet will make an unconventional hero. With his shoulderlength grey hair and snappy suits he is a long way from the lab-coated boffin stereotype.

Dr Peet laughs at the idea that he is a radical. "I am conventional in my clinical practice, I can assure you," he says.

Based on results so far, people suffering from schizophrenia could do worse than take concentrated fish oil supplements readily available in pharmacies and health food shops. While not the pure form

mant for many years..." used by researchers they do contain large amounts of EPA and the evidence so far suggests it would be beneficial, he says. With the scieotist's caution, he adds: "Let me put it another way - if I were a schizophrenic I would be taking it."

If Dr Peet is right then for many, distressing side effects could be a thing of the past.

The shame is that people suffering from schizophrenia have had to wait over forty years for something that they could have bought in the local

 Costs of Schizophrenia, Martin Knapp, British Journal of Psychiatry (1997), 171, 509-518.

On the trail of an unwitting TB carrier

"MORNING Mr Bourner" Morning, Dr Thornton "I was hoping we'd bump

into each other." "Forgive my scepticism but I've never yet met a GP who wanted to bump into patients outside the surgery.

"And also, bumping implies an element of randomness. Whereas you turning up in the waiting room of the Rainbow Valley Alternative Complimentary Healing Farm on the day of my appointment suggests an element of pre-planning

OK, I'll come clean. "If you ever get struck off, doctor, you could be an extra in The Bill."

Look. Let's cut to the quick. I've had an urgent phone call from Dr Fentamen at Johnny's."

"And?" "He says that the reason you've had night sweats and coughed up a bit of blood is because you've got tubercu-

"I know that ... " "Yes, but you were discharged from hospital two weeks ago with strict instructions to return three times a week to have your drugs uoder supervision. And you've only been

> "So?" "So Dr Fentamen's very

worried." "He's not capable of emotion. Look in his eyes and he blanks you. There's nothing behind them."

Well there must be something. He's Editor of the European Journal of Respiratory Physiology."

"Look I don't like the man and I don't like his drugs. I got indigestion and my urine went red."

"That's the rifampicin. You should have been warned about that..."

"I was. But they didn't tell me my tears would go red too. My girlfriend thinks I'm possessed..."

"Look, anti-tuberculosis drugs are very powerful beyou need to take them for at least six mooths because it's a very difficult disease to eradicate..."

"Why?" "Well, from what I can remember, the bug that causes it..."

"Bug?"

"Mycobacterium tuberculosis. It has a thick cell wall with a large lipid content. which allows it to survive inside host cells and resist digestion by preventing you drugs, thank yoo doc-phagosomelysosome fu- tor."

"You've lost me there ... " "But the body's immune system keeps fighting, so you end up with a chronic Tcell mediated inflammatory response, with the formation of granulomas where the mycobacteria can lie dor-

"If they're lying dormant, why not let them be..."

"Because yours areo't anymore. You got sick on your last trip across Asia, your body's immune system weot down, and the TB you picked up oo your first trip re-activated. We call it postprimary TB..." "But I've been travelling

for 30 years...'



DR PHIL HAMMOND

"And you could have had it for thirty years. If I did chest X-rays on all my elderly patients, a lot of them would show signs of old TB infec-

"So you're treating all of them with urine-staining poi-

"No because they have no symptoms. Their TB is inactive. But yours is open, which means you could get seriously ill without treatmeot. You might even die" "Are you trying to scare

"No, I'm just giving you the facts."

"Well, allow me to tell you bow I feel. When I was in Johnny's I felt like shit. That place has a serious karma problem. The walls are grey, there's no sunlight, there's no privacy, you can't get any sleep, the food's inedible and the staff

are miserable as sin. "And yes, I did think I might die. But since I've stopped taking the drugs and come home. I'm eating well, getting some sunlight and healing myself And I feel much better already,"

"What do you mean,

healing yourself?" "Through meditation and prayer. Focusing the mind's capacity to heal the body through the third eye. And then there's Mrs Lin-

"Who's she?"

"What?"

Rainbow Valley. She's harnessing a barmonious paraphysical healing energy and transmitting it through her

to me." "Mphphp."

"You doo't believe all that bollocks, surely?"

"Yes I do actually. I can feel the energy running into me - like a warm sensation - and my aura feels much better after. So, I don't occd

"Listen Mr Bourner. I don't care whether you live or die. But active TB is highly infectious and you're putting others close to you at risk. So you'd damn well better take the tablets. Or

"Dr Thornton, can I ask you - have you ever any communication skills training?" "No"

"Now why doesn't that surprise me? Ah, Mrs Linton's calling me know. See you around." "TII be here when you get

out... What should Dr Thorn-

Continued next week...

Time is needed to make any cure 100% effective

IF FISH oil genuinely turns out to help relieve the symptoms, and hence the suffering, of schizophrenia it will be a remarkable clinical advance.

But it is being promoted on the false and dangerous premise that all existing drug treatments for the devastating condition have severe side effects. Older drugs do have side effects but newer ones cause far fewer problems.

The worry expressed by psychiatrists is that hopes are being raised among patients about fish oil before the evidence is in. The fish oil story has been energetically promoted on the internet by excited patients and to the media by

Scotia Pharmaceuticals, the drug company which has funded trials in Aberdeen.

Professor Rob Kerwin, of the Institute of Psychiatry, is one who remains unconvinced. He says more and better evidence is required and fears that patients who are already reluctant to take drugs which are effective may be further deterred from using them.

The risk of suicide is high in schizophrenia and the danger of deterring patients from taking their correct treatment is serious.

New anti-psychotic drugs which have come on to the market in the last

decade and have fewer side effects are only being taken by one in four of those who could benefit from them, he says.

"Suicide rates can now be dramatically reduced by novel antipsychotics. We think they are very mportant"

The message to patients is that experimenting with fish oil is unlikely to expose them to any harm. But they should not, on any account, discontinue their current treatment without medical

> - Jeremy Laurance Health Editor



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A match made in heaven

WHISPER it quietly but the underdogs, ITV, may have already won the battle for World Cup viewers. After years spent wasting their money on Saint and Greavsie, overelaborate studio sets and keeping John Barnes in complicated collars. someone at ITV Sport has finally earnt their salary. Luring the comedians. Frank Skinner and David Baddiel, from the BBC for 16 live Fantasy World Cup shows is surely a transfer swoop akin to Alex Ferguson's famous raid on Elland Road. when he snaffled Eric Cantona for the price of two of Barry Venison's suits. Because, for the millions of football fans who can't get to the World Cup itself, the next best thing is to watch it at Frank and Dave'a gaff.

Granted, Fantasy Football League was never the slickest of productions, but given that the last series attracted viewing figures of over 6 million per week, it would appear that the BBC, in allowing the duo to be poached by ITV, have committed an own goal. "We'd been in discussion with the BBC for ages," explains Baddiel.

"But the programme is more complicated than it was before so it's more expensive. We'd always operated on the same hudget and now suddenly the BBC wanted to know why it was going to cost them an awful lot more - and although they did offer us more money, it wasn't as much as ITV were offering. We just wanted to be in a position whereby if we needed to swing Bryan Robson from a crane over Middlesbrough, and there's every possibility, then we'd be in a position to do that."

For some though, the sight of Baddiel and Skinner on ITV is tantamount to treason. Like Morecambe and Wise, Des Lynam and the Grand National, their natural home will always be the BBC, away from ad hreaks and vulgar sponsorship buffers.

Let it not be forgotten that Eric and Ernie's demise was confirmed the moment they left the warm confines of Auntie Beeb's hosom. More worrying for Skinner and Baddiel is the very real danger of being tarnished by ITV's World Cup coverage. Four words will suffice from USA 94: Matthew Lorenzo's Dallas Brunch.

The pair visibly wince. "One of the things we will be talking about comically in the show is the fact that we're on ITV. That will be a running gag in the series," Baddiel says.

Skinner is less diplomatic: "We're in a no-lose situation because if this is the year when ITV finally sort it out then it'll be great to be part of the revolution. And if ITV are laughably poor then there'll he jokes galore to be had at our landlord's expense. The thing is ITV's football coverage used to be great. We've been looking at old World

Frank Skinner and David Baddiel made fantasy football a reality on the BBC. Now they've changed channels, and the World Cup presents their biggest challenge. By Graham Wray

Cups with people like Hugh Johns and he was fantastic. The old ITV World Cup panels used to be really entertaining too. Eventually, there's going to be a World Cup where people say, actually FTV's coverage was spot on. I think Gullit is hrilliant. He'll he ITV's Alan Hansen. So I think it's got to get better soon or later.

"Don't forget that when Sky first started their coverage was really embarrassing. Who will ever forget the Sky Strikers - that dance group they used to wheel on, I can also remember watching Sheffield United v Oldham on a wet Monday night. It was a dreadful 0-0 stalemate and at the end of it they had a fireworks display and played "Land of Hope and Glory" over the PA, which I thought was perhaps a slight misjudgement, But Sky's coverage now

If England get to the final we'll have to go. We'll just have to record the show at the ground'

is brilliant, so I suppose anything's

While the main elements of the show remain the same, Fantasy World Cup will be broadcast live, a bold decision given that neither of them have done much live television and Statto isn't exactly the most consummate of performers. "The thing about World Cups is that it's like a whole season in four weeks," explains Baddiel.

"There's such a concentrated amount of football that things happen very suddenly and you have to be able to react to them. On some occasions we're going to be watching an evening game with our show starting 15 minutes after the final whistle. So we'll be sat there writing material as that game's going on. And as far as Statto's concerned, it will make absolutely no difference to him - I don't think he even knew it wasn't live before. I don't know ifhe was even aware it was on televi-

"I think people like the idea that it hasn't all been written weeks in advance," adds Skinner. "We will literally be writing right np until

can look forward to more star guests says Baddiel

"Obviously it's a lie but it works time. Gazza is another who's impossible to pin down."

"The secret is that we have a genuine admiration for these blokes," explains Skinner. "We both grew up on the Morecambe and Wise tradition where you get a big star on and mess about - which makes them look even better. And of course we dress up too so when they see Dave

hroadcast time and probably sticking in a couple during the commercial breaks too. In between taking our Prozac, obviously. But what we lose in the ability to edit we'll make up for in the fact that it'll be in the white heat of topicality. Besides, the show has always been so ramshackle that a lot of people always thought it was live anyway. But it's what World Cups are all about - you switch off your normal life and hand it over to football for four weeks. What we're doing is just a slightly more extreme version of Stalwarts of Fantasy Football

and an all-new batch of "Phoenix From The Flames". Guests lined up include Tracey Ullman, Mike Myers, Richard Wilson and Michael Palin. "The great thing about the World Cup is that you can get people on the show by promising them tickets,"

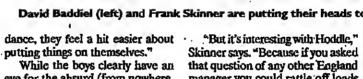
extremely well. We're also trying to get Rod Stewart. He's someone we've tried to get for ages but who never seems to be around at the right So how do they decide on guests?

"The policy is simple," says Skinner. "An interest in football or nice legs." An alarming pre-requisite given that Russell Grant once made it on to the show.

The new "Phoenix" segment will feature the likes of Eusehio, Jairzhino, Roger Milla, Bryan Robson and Archie Gemmill. "We did talk ahout doing Pele and Maradona," says Baddiel, "but both si 100 exdensiv one of them I thought might be a

touch unreliable." Given some of the things that they've had footballers dressed up in (Mario Kempes in a Supermario costume and David Platt in David Pleat's old suit for instance), it's a testament to the appeal of the show that footballers still queue up to make an appearance.

dressed as the girl from River-



eye for the absurd (from nowhere, Skinner observes that if Graham Kelly had ever been on a hippy commune, he'd now be Jerry Springer) they also take their football very seriously.

One of the brill Hoddle," enthuses Skinner, "is that if someone's in great form, he'll put them straight in. Dion Dublin was a typical example. The England tradition has always been that if a player's in the form of his life you have to wait and wait and then just as he's on the very cusp of a bad patch, he gets put in and plays poorly. But with Glenn, as soon as people look good, like Michael Owen and Duhlin, he puts them straight in."

So is there anyone you think that's been overlooked?

"Dennis Wise has been very consistent and I'd like to see Darren Huckerby play before we go just to see whether he can do it at international level," says Baddiel.

Skinner says. "Because if you asked that question of any other England manager you could rattle off loads of names hut we're struggling to come up with any really. Most peo-

we've forgotten how rare that is in Baddiel however, has more personal reasons for being a Hoddle dis-"I humped into Glenn at Wem-

bley and I always wear the same old England top. He actually came over to me and said, 'I see you're still wearing that old top then - lucky is it?' Not only had the England manager exchanged pleasantries with me but he'd actually remembered what I was wearing on a previous occa-

Despite their obvious love of the game, their workload must surely make them vulnerable to overdosing on it?

"No, football is fine, it's just the other stuff about football that I'm



REVELATIONS

The time: 1962 The place: Worcester The man: A.N. Wilson (Author)

FOR many years I thought my old school was an evil dump which ought to have been closed down by the police.

It was a pleasant looking building on the edge of the Malvern Hills, where there were lots of little boarding establishments for the middle-class child, each with about 80 pupils. Although not seedy from the point of crumbling paint work, the people who taught there were quite another matter.

I didn't directly experience what we would now call sexual abuse; but I was very aware of it. We thought that the masters who touched our bottoms were funny and there were a few matrons who were paedophiles - the headmaster and his wife certainly both were. He was a fumbling creature, but she was a sadist who liked torturing, whacking and locking us in cages.

I was never exposed to anything truly frightening, like so many poor children are, but my best friend at prep school was terrified. The head master made him take all his clothes off and stand in his study for

an hour. It was just assumed that if you were



called there that was the sort of thing that could happen, or he would come round and help you have your bath! I'm told he would often masturbate the boys, this is rather unflattering, I don't know from personal ex-

perience because it never happened to me! The intensity and the wildly improper nature of the atlention finally got to my friend. Another teacher found out and told him to run home to his mother. Nothing happened, there was no investigation. I still do not known which is worse for a child. something like that or having to go into the

court and repeat everything. I loathed the headmaster during my we did not have an affair - it was just like

twenties, feeling be had ruined our lives, but now I think he was a character and not an entirely bad teacher. His wife knew and therefore hated children and took it out

The food was dreadful and, slightly unforgivably, it was deliberately dreadful because she loved watching us be sick. It is extraordinary - but if you were sick she used to make you eat your own vomit. Once I saw her do this to a new boy, it made me so angry that I picked up my porridge and hurled it at her. It splatted all over her face and her cardigan. I was taken off to be walloped and locked in the sanatorium. My parents were rung up, although I did not hear their angle of the story until I was 30, my father thought it was a disgrace and pleaded to let me stay. I missed my mother and father terribly but I suppose there was an air of adventure - like being in a prisoner of war camp.

However this school will always be fondremembered because it was here I discovered a child could fall in love. When I was about ten, I became enraptured with our art teacher and it was the full works. She was wonderful with a small brown bob, a beatnik, and wore men's v neck jumpers back to front so I could see her slightly freckley but very beautiful back - which looked just like Horlicks.

It was a defining moment and although

falling in love as grown-up. In those days I wanted to be an artist, far more than a writer. She must have been about 22 and had been to Spain and met Salvador Dali.

The area was ultra-conservative and would make Tunbridge Wells secm pink and these boarding schools were bastions of tradition our curriculum could have been pre-war. So to have someone like her walking in and telling us about abstract art was extraor-

She had such a lovely little boyish face, was kind and took me seriously. I'm sure she knew what had happened, hul she did not mock me.

We spent hours and hours talking to each other, and I would help out in the art room by clearing up. She also let me paint a huge modernist mural in the art room too, which was rather hrave, but she was rather anarchic and against the system. I'm sure you could see the lust in my work. Although, I would have liked to have held her hand I did not want to possess her. In those days, I thought there was n distinction between love and lust.

It was a heart breaking experience - a mixture of intense joy because I loved her so much but knowing I would never achieve what I ardently desired.

I have drawn on these themes of childhood sexuality when I came to write my latest book Dream Children. I didn't set out to write a book about paedophiles, but I ments is the feelings of children. It's assumed in a sub-Dickensian way that they don't have any. Rather than tackling it full frontal, I've taken a rather oblique path. impossible not to write a disturbing book. If you're interested in human character something murky does often rise to the top. I hope I will never censor myself because of fear, particularly about this subject because I feel we have turned into rather an ugly lynch mob. The whole plot came to me al once, so I think it must have been drawing on my forgotten subconscious but I don't know which hits come from my own childhood thoughts of lusting about an adult and how much it refers to what I've read recently in the papers.

When I was an school having my preadolescent "love affair", I didn't care what people thought. It was too important. I didn't mind being teased. My parents gave me ennugh self confidence not to worry about being different from other people - hut this was my first experience of it.

There were one or two matrons who had a gaggie of admirers but I was alone in my admiration of the arts teacher. She drew out my individuality which has been a core part of my personality ever since. It might take courage not to run with the pack, but in my profession that is hopeless.

Leaving that school was probably the

opened a little door, through which I was longing to walk, into a new area of perception and experience of knowing about art and, by extension, music and literature. School life had tried to thrash out my feelings or make me put a lid of them, but falling in love made me realise that this was neither possible or desirable.

I hardly knew any girls of my own age and didn't have a girlfriend until I was about eighteen. But everybody I have fallen in love with since has echoes of my art teacher. I have a certain physical type and because she had a very strong sense of humour that characteristic is important too. I've also learnt that my path is going to be punctuated by all these little epiphanies, tather than finding out about life in a rational way. Humans are very odd and can't be explained ideologically, theologically or scientifically, that's why I'm glad to be a

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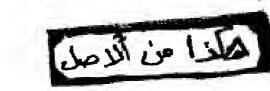
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BEFORE the Second World with the economist Bruce War, few scholars knew how to incorporate science, technology and medicine within social, political or economic history. Nowadays many historians know the methods: university Philosophy of Science group at courses, books and (some) museums manifest their skills. For the greats of science, and for many lesser figures and groups, we are able to relate scientific works to lives, contexts and audiences, with an analytical sophistication matching the best of current intellectual and cultural history.

This progress in historiography owes much to the intellectual and institutional bases built in the 1950s and 1960s, not least in the universities of northem England. Among these pioneers, Donald Cardwell was a perspicacious and persistent and Industry. innovator, especially in Manchester, where he helped develop both a school of historians and a marvellous museum of science and industry.

From 1964, Cardwell made his academic home at the University of Manchester Institute for Science and Technology (Umist). He was at his best in the History of Science common room, holding forth on science. technology and the industrial revolution, mixing acute analysis with the whimsical excursions which also revealed his deep sense of period and place. He adopted Manchester, though he was born in Gibraltar, the son of a civil servant from Croydon, in Surrey, and was educated at Plymouth College and at King's College London, where he gained a First in Physics in

Shortly afterwards he joined he Admiralty Signals Establishment, serving in Scotland. West Africa and the Middle East during the Second World War. Back at King's from 1946, he applied his knowledge of radar in a PhD on detecting distant thunderstorms. He worked with Bill Seeds, John Randall and Maurice Wilkins in a physics department then moving from war-time concerns to biophysics, Cardwell moved further - into historical and social studies.

science courses at University the late 1960s linked Umist College London, and Morris with Leeds, Lancaster and Ginsberg's sociology seminars | Bradford and also included torion of science and technology at the London School of Eco- Charles Webster, Charles born Gibrattar 4 August 1919; Readnomics, where he met his future wife, Olive. And he gained a Nuffield grant for the historical research that became his first book - The Organisation of Science in England (1957).

worked at Keele University younger scholars.

Williams, After almost a decade of short-term employment he was rescued by the philosopher Stephen Toulmin, who invited him to join the History and Jerry Ravetz, who shared his interest in science-technology relations, and began the work on the history of "energy" that he would continue at Umist.

In 1963 he was invited to Umist by the Principal, Vivian Bowden. The technological universities were expanding, and in Manchester, as at Imperial College, London, history of science was to provide a "liberal" element in the education of engineers. But Bowden wanted more - the classic industrial city needed a Museum of Science

At Umist, Cardwell surrounded himself with scientists who had turned to history -Arnold Pacey and the chemist Wilfred Farrar were already on the staff of the Institute. Like Cardwell, they were unassuming but learned and original; they scoffed at fashions in historiography, but they already understood the principles that



Cardwell: period and place

dominate the profession now that history of science must be concerned with practice as wellas theory, that local studies are enormously useful in exploring the interplay of content and context, and that we do well not to divide the histories of science, technology and medicine from each other, or from economic and social history. These were key themes in

He attended history of the Northern seminar which in Schmitt, Piyo Rattansi, Ted McGuire, Maurice Crossland, Jack Morrell and Robert Fox. The lessons spread - not through manifestos, but by example and through a tradition

Cardwell was shy of conferences, and in later years he rarely lectured outside Manchester. His international influence came mainly through his hooks - his insightful general works (most recently The Fontana History of Technology, published in 1994), his edited volumes on John Dalton and on the history of Umist, John Dalton and the Progress of Science (1968) and Artisan to Graduate (1974), and James Joule: a biography (1989), about the Manster brewer who measured the mechanical equivalent of heat.

Cardwell's books were used by the Opeo University and did much to advance the history of science in Britain, but his literary achievements were perhaps best recognised in the United States, where history of technology had also become a professional discipline.

Like the Mancunians he studied, Cardwell concerned himself with the life of the city. He helped maintain the traditions of the Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society. but his best institutional legacy is the Museum of Science and Industry, opened in 1969, for which he laid the groundwork and recruited Richard Hills, first as a research student and then as museum director. Together they put together a very fine collection, first housed in the Oddfellows Hall between Umist and Manchester University Cardwell also helped establish the national fund for the preservarion of industrial and scientific heritage.

Around the time of Cardwell's retirement from Umist in 1984, the Manchester collections moved to Castlefield, to the site of the world's first railway station. There the museum's growth has been so spectacular, and its brief is now so large, that it is rarely thought of as a "university" foundation. That almost seems fitting. It is a working monument to a historian of practical men, a contribution to Manchester from a lively scholar who taught us to see in the microcosm of the industrial city the creative interweavings of scientific, technical and civic concerns.

John Pickstone

Donald Stephen Lowell Cardwell, hiser in the History of Science and Technology, University of Manchester-Institute of Science and Technolo-Pumphrey (one son, one daughter,



Sybil Connolly

SYBIL CONNOLLY was the most successful dress designer Ireland has known. She saw the point of simple native clothes, such as the red flannel petticoat and crocheted blouses, and made them into haute couture with an Irish flavour.

Elegant and wearable, they proved a satisfactory investment, neither dating nor changing from year to year. Connolly always went for beauty and style as opposed to "mere" fashion.

When the hemline went above the knee in the Sixties, Nancy Mitford remarked that people of her age had to choose between looking dowdy or ridiculous "and of course I shall plump for the latter". But "the great Irish couturière Cyril Connolly", as Nancy called Sybil, was wisely slow to respond to the dictates of fashion.

One of her best creations was pleated linen, which had the look of the underneath of a mushroom. It took nine yards of fine pleating to make one yard gy (Umist) 1963-73, Professor 1974- of fabric, so dresses made from 84 (Emeritus); married 1953 Olive | it were heavy-but so simple and so lovely. Jacqueline Kennedy For two years, c1955-56, he of warm encouragement to and one son deceased); died is wearing one in the official por-Macclesfield, Cheshire 8 May 1998. | trait of her in the White House.

Syhil Connolly was born in Swansca to a Welsh mother and an Irish father; they moved to Waterford where she was educated at a convent school run by the Sisters of Mercy. After an apprenticeship in London at Bradlevs the dressmakers, the war came and, at the age of 17,

There she joined the firm of Richard Alan, named after the its owner Jack Clarke's two small sons. When she was only 22 he made her a director. She soon set up her own establishment and held her first major show in 1953 at Dunsany Castle, Co Meath, thanks to Lady Dunsany's admiration for her and her creations. It was a dramatic success and she never looked back.

she moved to Duhlin.

Connolly was a generous friend to creative people all over Ireland. In her third and last book frish Hands (1994), she describes her arduous travels in search of the best Irish craftsmen, and breaks into lyrical prose.

She had a brilliant flair for publicity. When her exhibition on the 18th-century Mrs Delany's intricate paper cut-outs was held at the Morgan Library in New York there were articles in all the

glossies. Mary Delany sheets designed by Connolly dressed shop windows, and soon it seemed as if the whole of New York was talking about Delany, and of course Sybil Connolly.

When Jacqueline Kennedy visited Ireland in July 1967 Connolly was one of her few friends there, so took her under her wing. I had recently rescued Castletown, a great empty Palladian house near Duhlin, from dereliction, and it was the first "stately home" to be opened to the public in the province of Leinster, Nobody came. Connolly realised how much

a visit by Mrs Kennedy would help the uphill task, and the Irish Georgian Society, and brought her to my house for lunch. But when we went to Castletown Connolly would not come. She felt it was my project and did not want to steal my thunder. This was typical of her kindness and selfeffacing thoughtfulness. She was a wonderful hostess, a great perfectionist, and full of fun besides.

Desmond Guinness

Sybil Veronica Connolly, dress designer: born Swansea 24 Innuary 1921: died Dublin 6 May 1998.

Tom Iremonger

Minister, Harold Wilson, announced to the House of Commons that the Amory Committee, set up to study and make recommendations about the penal system, could not continue its work. Seething with anger, Tom Iremonger asked the Home Secretary, Roy Jenkins, to name the six members of the Royal Commission on the Penal System who initially resigned, the two who resigned subsequently and the eight who wished to continue. He was incandescent with fury. Jenkins told Iremonger that

Lady Adrian, Dr. T.C.N. Gibbens, the Bishop of Exeter, the criminologist Professor Sir Leon Radzinowicz, Mrs Beatrice Serota (later Lady Serota, Health Minister) and Lady Wootton of Abinger had tendered their resignations. Snhsequently the Honourable Sylvia Fletcher-Moulton and Mrs Elliott Warburton also resigned. The eight who remained were Lord Amory himself, the former Chancellor of the Exchequer, the trade union leader David Basnett, Mr Justice Edmund Davies, R.E. Millard. the surgeon Professor J.M. Morris, Sam Silkin QC (later Attnrney General), Lord Wheatley of the Scottish Appeal Court and Tom Iremonger himself.

Partly because his ally Lord Wheatley was my father-inlaw, Iremonger poured out his heart to me, saying that he believed that the ending of this Royal Commission was an insult to the British electorate who were deeply concerned about mounting crime.

Iremonger told me that Lloyd George had once explained to his Chief of the Imperial General Staff that he tears note which was to charachad no pretensions to being a military expert; he was, he said, an expert in understanding what the ordinary man in the street felt about the war. He spoke as a politician, and the function of a politician was not to be an expert; it was to see and understand the work of the experts with the eyes and mind of the ordinary people he represented.

Iremonger said that Sir Alec Douglas-Home and his Cahinet had been quite right to accede to the entreaties of people like himself to set up the Amory Commission in April 1964. People in his constituency in Essex and elsewhere were beginning to fear for their own safety. They their minds from the joh of protecting them. It was Iremonger's view that most of his electors suspected that those responsible for the penal system were more concerned for the criminal than for his victim.

His particular fury was directed against the distinguished ringleader of the dissenters. Didn't people realise that in the Japanese. years from 1958 to 1964, the number of boys found guilty of indictable offences had risen from just under 32,000 to just over 52,000 - a rise of nearly 60 per cent? Iremonger saw this as a huge swelling of the potential evil in nur society.

His interest started when he was elected a member of parliament. Over the next 20 years, as a result of constituency complaints, he gained increasing expertise in one of the least popular political subjects, endlessly visiting prisons and gaining the respect of the House of Commons.

He was the first and to my recollection the only MP in my first decade really to take the subject of Borstal seriously. In his book Disturbers of the Peace March 1978 when Vivian Ben-(1962), Iremonger wrote:

The village of Borstal lies just south of Rochester. Here, early in this present century Sir Evelyn Ruggles-Brise and his prison commissioners esand his prison commissioners es-tablished, in the old Rochester jail, overlooking the Valley of the Med-way and the Weald of Kent beyond, the "first" Borstal.

Borstal training became, and is now firmly established as, the principle weapon for protecting the pub-lic against the depredations of the young delinquent - or "lad". What struck me most forcibly was on my first contact with the Borstal train-ing system was the discovery that the "young thugs" whose vicious behav-

ON 27 APRIL 1966, the Prime iour and defiant attitudes are reiour and delimit attitudes are re-ported in the newspapers and un-derstandably fill my constituents with anger, indignation and the de-sire to see fit punishment meted out had suddenly become "lads". Here, I think, in this melamorphosis we come straight away, as we step to the postern in the precincts of the closed Borstal, to the heart of the matter.

Borstal, to the heart of the matter.

The tight-jeaned, hulking bully with sideburns, indicting pain on the elderly lady in the sweet shop, evading richly deserved lynching at the hands of righteously tenging differny, appearing in court under the aegis of a sentimental probation officer, to whom he cynically tells a tale of emotional disturbance in childhood, being sentenced, on the advice of a nonal assurrance in chindhood, being sentenced, on the advice of a psychiatrist with perverted standards of right and wrong, by a soft-centred Bench to a Borstal of which he is rightly contemptuous -- just a lad."

That was the picture for Iremonger. And yet he really gave his mind - and many thoughtful speeches to the House of Commons - to the vexed problem of the psychopath, and the treatments of this type of disturber of society offered under the 1959 Mental Health Act.

Tom Iremonger was born into a Royal Marine artillery family. His father, Colonel Iremonger DSO, had served at Jutland in the First World War in the battle ship Valiant; hence Tom's middle name.

In 1938, after school at King's College, Canterbury and Oriel College, Oxford, Iremonger joined the Colonial · Administrative Service, volunteering to go to the Gilbert and Ellice Islands partly because of his love of sailing. He took with him his young bride Lucille who later in a charming book, It's A Bigger Life (1948), dcscribed the Western Pacific idyll before the Japanese invasion of the Second World War and greedy post-war mining, "In it she strikes the laughter andterise later autohiographical

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fremonger: 'disturbers of

writings," Iremonger wrote in his affectionate obituary of his wife for the Independent in 1989.

Iremonger would later state that nothing worried him because he was living on borrowed time. What he meant was that thanks to accompanying his wife to Fiji to convalesce after Cambridge criminologist Pro- an illness, he had escaped the fessor Sir Leon Radzinowicz fate of many of his friends in the whom he believed to be the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, who had their heads cut off by the

After the war he returned to Britain and joined the RNVR for several years. Following the appointment of G.C. Hutchinson as Chairman of the National Assistance Board he got the chance to fight a by-election in the liford North constituency in February 1954. Soon after being elected he became Parliamentary Private Secretary to a kindred adventurous spirit Sir Fitzroy Maclean, who was at that time Under-Secretary of State for War.

Having held Ilford Notth in 1974 at the first election in February by 285 votes, at the second he lost to Mrs Millie Miller by 778 votes. He made the great mistake of standing as an Independent Conservative in dall, the ufficial Conservative candidate, won with 22,548 votes, Iremonger coming fifth after the National Front with a miserable 671 votes.

Tam Dalyell

Thomas Lascelles Isa Shandon Valiant Iremonger, colonial officer and politician: born London 14 March 1916; MP (Conservative) for liford North 1954-74; married 1939 Lucille D'Oyen Parks (died 1989: one daughter); died Malmesbury, Wittshire 13 May 1998.

Alberto Sartoris

THE ARCHITECT Alberto uncompromising modernity, remained a major figure wher- prime purpose of modernism Sartoris believed that mod- and his drawings are a polemic ernist architecture must he based on a renunciation of use- liberately arcane architecture less and superfluous elements. not to endanger itself by courta respect for true tradition, an harmonious distribution of line and colour, a rhythmical mastery of contrast and assonance. . and the investigation of a specific style.

Sartoris's own drawings explore this abstract language of colours, planes, transparencies, and volumetric interplays of solid and void, all at the pure state and represented as aggressively Cubist buildings that float in a void, divorced from any context, using a graphic technique - the axonometric projection - to depict everything at true size without the distortions of perspective and creating the impression of weightless objects suspended in space.

Even when reproduced upside down by mistake, these celebrated axonometrics are among the most enduring images in the history of

architecture. Because of his aristocratic aloofness Sartoris was to build very little. His real vocation was as the ideologue and publicist which reserve the right of a deing an easy acceptance.

The value of maintaining this critical, confrontational stance (completely misunderstood by some of today's ersatz modernists) came from his mentor Filippo Tommaso Marinetti, the founder of Futurism, and was shared by contemporaries and friends such as Le Corbusier.

Born in Turin and uprooted to Switzerland when only six al network of friendships. years old, Sartoris experienced the condition of exile more intensely than most. His Swiss technical education gave him natural affinities with Le Corbusier whilst nostalgie d'Italie led him to seek out Marinetti in Paris and to return to his native Turin as soon as he had grown up; but it was too late, he had acquired a world-view that made it impossible to fit in.

The lavish private theatre he designed for the rich art patron Riccardo Gualino in Turin in 1923-25 was never credited to him because, as he knew, Gualino's bossy wife did not care for his "excessive" independence for the idea of an assertive and and even though for 20 years he

ever the new architecture man-Switzerland, South America he was never fully accepted into any of its movements. Even today some historians are still trying to fit him in somewhere, unable to perceive that what re-

ally matters is his marginality. Forced malgré soi to be independent, Sartoris was able to see heyond the internecine facnonalism of the Italian modern movement, travelling widely and cultivating an internation-In 1931 he published his

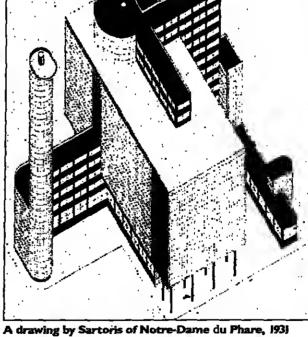
widely influential Gli Elementi dell'Architettura Funzionale --- a compilation of examples that showed the new style active everywhere from Romania to . Argentina. His inclusion of Pierre Chareau's Maison de Verre - barely completed -made that unlikely Parisian decorateur into a lasting cult figure of the international Modern Movement and some time afterwards the Americans Henry-Russell Hitchcock and Philip Johnson appropriated the contents of his book, repackaging it as their own invention: "The International Style".

For Sartoris the edite, the

must be to rediscover and puifested itself - in Italy, France, rify ancient, universal principles of beauty. The architect is a sorcerer who celebrates arcane rituals; using mysterious procedures he conjures up lines, planes, solids, and spaces wherein meanings, and relationships hetween meanings, are evoked and given form.

> The total abstraction of Mondrian and Rietveld corresponded to something in this uprooted, heimatles condition and from the early 1920s he was exchanging letters with Theo Van Doesburg, leader of the Dutch De Stijl movement; speaking in French and restlessly seeking friends everywhere, neither a Swiss nor an Italian. Santoris was the first truly European modernist.

His initiation into Futurism took place in 1928 and in that year his drawings had pride of place in the first Exhibition of Futurist Architecture. The closeness to Marinetti gave him the Futurist aggressiveness that fired him up whilst at the same time, unable to belong exclusively even to that powerful cultural movement, he was also a member of MIAR (Movimento Italiano per l'Architettura Razionale).



After Mussolini's introduc- tribution, which still remains to tion of the nefarious race laws, be understood, marks him out Sartoris with his friend Giuseppe Terragni never really recovered from some awkward attempts to defend modernist architecture from accusations of being a "decadent Jewish" phenomenon. After the Second World War he left Turin and returned to live quietly in Lausanne. His con-

Thomas Muirhead Alberto Sartoris, architect, critic, journalist and draughtsman; born Turin 2 February 1901; married 1922 Zoe Gionanna (marriage dissolved 1929).

fluences of modernism.

1943 Carla Prina; died Pompaples (Vaud), Switzerland 8 March 1998.

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Lectures

"Golden Ages (iv): Spain in the 17th century", Ipm.

1.t0pm. Wallace Collection, London Wt Robert Weakly, "Sculpture: bronzes, St Philip Neri, St Priscus or Prix of Giambologna and his followers".

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Queen and The Dules of Edinburgh receive the Emperor and Empress of Japan on a state visit. The Princess Royal opens the restored Museum No 1 at the Royal Botanic Granting al Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey. Changing of the Guard

The Household Cavalry Mounted Regi-The Household Cavany arounds reg-ment mounts the Oncen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, Apar, 1st Battalion Cold-stream Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 4pm.

The LAW REPORT resumes with the Law Term, on Tuesday 2 June.

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College, 74; Sir Colin Sampson, for-

mer HM Chief Inspector of Con-

stabulary for Scotland, 69; Lord Stevens of Ludgate, chairman, Unit-ed News and Media, and Express Newspapers, 62; Wing Cdr Sir Kenneth Stoddart, former Lord-Lieutenant of Merseyside, 84; Air Marshal Sir John Walker, 62; Mr Roger Westbrook, ambassador 10 Portugal, 57.

Anniversaries

Births: Charles, Duc d'Orleans, poet, 1391; John Churchill, first Doke of Marlborough, military com-

mander, 1650; Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, writer, 1689; Edmond Louis-Antoine Huot de Goncourt povelist, 1822; Ai Joison (Asa Yoelson), singer and entertainer, 1886; John Wayne (Marioa Michael Morrison), actor, 1907; Robert Morley, actor and playwright, 1908; Sir Matt Busby, football manager, 1909. Deaths: St Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, 604; Samuel Pepys, diarist, 1703; Jacques Laffitte, banker and politician, 1844. On this day: Napoleon Bonaparte was crowned King of Italy, in Milan

the Confederate Army surrendered in Texas, so ending the American Civil War, 1865; Mount Etna in Sicily started a series of violent eruptions, 1870: Vauxhall Bridge, London, was opened, 1906; in South Africa, a Nationalist government was elected with apartheid policies, 1948. Today is the Feast Day of St Dyfan, St Lambert of Venice, Si Mariana of Quito.

Cathedral, 1805; the wild boy Kaspar Hauser was discovered in the National Gallery: Colin Wiggins, market-place of Nuremberg, 1828:

"Archaeology in Egypt: royal ceme-teries at Abydos", 11.30am. National Portrait Gallery: Christine Riding, "The English 18th-century Conversation Piece", ADDRESS: I CANADA SQUARE, CANARY WHARF, LONDON E14 SDL TELEPHONE 0171 293 2000 OR 0171 345 2000 FAX: 0171 293 2435 OR 0171 345 2435 THE INDEPENDENT ON THE INTERNET: WWW.INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Arms and the rhetoric of ethics

IN A WORLD free of hypocrisy and the pretence that there are once-forall standards of good conduct among nations, makers of munitions would get on with it. If producing tanks, helicopters and submarines is legal according to British law, then free trade should prevail and all corners get served.

If - to take an example from our pages today - Thames Water can freely sell pipes to the Indonesians, thus implicitly supporting the regime in that country, why shouldn't Vickers be given the same right? The answer, according to successive British governments, is that arms are too useful as a diplomatic bargaining tool; that sales can come back to haunt you (or kill your soldiers); that governments must occasionally pretend there are taneless international standards of conduct which forbid sales to regimes temporarily designated as pariahs. In the real world arms sales are decided ad hoc amid a confused flurry of motives and reasoning. It will probably always be so.

But here comes the Foreign Secretary spouting ethics. Unlike pipes, financial services or designer clothes, the sale of arms should be restricted to states he deems worthy. If the great rhetorician had, last summer, simply said that he would humbly try to increase the volume of human rights principle in British government decisions on arms sales, but that in a complicated and changing world he could guarantee nothing, we would have applauded a hrave and realistic statesman. Instead, we got unrealisable

And still he is at it. Yesterday Robin Cook secured a useful agreement with fellow members of the European Union against undercutting in the arms husiness - the promise is that the French or Italians will not come along to sweep up contracts which the British government has forbidden British firms to undertake. It is an agreement in restraint of trade. But a realist would say: "Fine, it does imply there will be some consistent, albeit minimal, application of burnan rights doctrine to non-EU countries and in turn that might

lead to the growth of common positions in EU foreign policy."

But instead of identifying a small step forward, Mr Cook once again made exaggerated claims. We now possess, he seemed to say, a new, reliable. European tool with which to judge other countries' moral fitness to acquire the means to kill. Do we really? Tomorrow the President of the Board of Trade opens what amounts to an arms bazaar for South Africa. Credits are being extended, colourful tents put up - figuratively - to display gleaming machines for destruction. Ah, we will say, this is ethical because under President Mandela South Africa wears the colours of sweetness and light. Presumably, under the new European accord, it is not for the French or Swedes to ask whether some of those weapons might ever be used for domestic repression; nor indeed what enemies they are supposed to deter. South Africa being situated in a region at peace, But they might, and perhaps they should.

PoWs cannot forget, but we must forgive

THE EMPEROR of Japan is the titular head of a great and friendly nation. We welcome its investment and its visitors; we buy its products and sell what we can; we prize its contribution to regional stability. Common diplomatic courtesy, not to speak of self-interest, dictates that Emperor Akihito is accorded a dignified welcome on the streets of London today. Part of the "packaging" of this visit is the investiture of the Emperor in the Order of the Garter.

That decision was taken some time ago; it was the right decision.

Does that imply criticism of former prisoners of war who choose to protest? It is true that the real object of their anger is the British govern-. ment - all those administrations which since the early Pifties bave refused it lies anywhere, rests with the Emperor's father. Hirohito, and which son justly answers for his father's offence? Yet who would dare reprimand those who suffered so fearfully in the Far East during the Second World War?

We do however need to observe that we live in an age of selective amnesia. The Irish potato famine in the 1840s - an "accident" if ever there was one - is deemed worthy of prime ministerial apology, but not the contemporaneous bombardment of Chinese cities to open them to the opium trade. A child who murdered children is hounded but an adult "terrorist" who murdered children is lionised. Any suspicion of relativising the Holocaust invites the fiercest condemnation, as if that event were the touchstone for all historical judgement of evildoing. Perhaps h is, but who sits in Solomon's seat claiming to be able to judge?

The victims of Japanese brutality in the camps cannot forgive or forget; to them Japanese expressions of regret are deeply inadequate. But for the rest of us, time and crime have moved on.

The British are back

THE BRITISH are coming! Colin Welland's prediction, made on Oscar night in Hollywood, never came to pass. David Puttnam - and others - retired hurt. Now the British have come again-there has been a renaissance in the British film industry and results at the end of the Cannes Film Festival prove it. What we need to do, bowever, is define "industry" carefully. Actors born and trained in Britain; films produced in Britain with international (American) finance; directors old and new who can work in Hollywood but do not have to ... it has lately again shown signs of approaching critical mass. There is still a huge problem in getting Britishmade films marketed and distributed anywhere near the mass audiences who bring in the money, but British film culture looks - in the interna-tional mirror held up at Cannes - to be fighting fit.



Embassy let us down

Sir: I returned from Jakarta several days ago amid the rush of expatriates frantically trying to leave the violent and deeply troubled city. Being British was a severe hindrance in trying to escape because, for some unexplainable reason, our embassy refused to accept that there was a sig-nificant problem. Right up until the point at which I left, the advice from the embassy was "Stay at home." Amongst my expatriate friends and colleagues this became a laughing matter as the Indonesian crisis steadily deteriorated. The joke was that the Brits bas been told by their embassy to stay at bome and have a cup of tea.

When the Americans decided to vacuate their nationals, the British embassy's advice was still to stay athome and drink tea. That was of no comfort at all to British people stranded amidst the borrors of Jakarta.

dead of night belped by New Zealand and American friends who chartered an aircraft with the aid of a multinational company to airlift us to Singapore. When I arrived in Singapore the feeling of relief was overwhelming. By this time the British embassy had changed its advice to, "Leave the country if you feel that it is safe to do so," or words to that effect. The problem, of course, was that by that time it was not safe to do so!

I hope the British ambassador might learn from this fiasco and perhaps in future try to be just a little helpful to concerned Brits under his jurisdiction.

Professor IAN SHAW Hambleton, Lancashire

Sir: Your report (23 May) that the Centre for Security Studies at Hull University has become involved in providing courses for senior Indonesian military officers is deeply disturbing. Is this really the sort of relationship we want with a country which is just emerging from three decades of brutal dictatorship and is now struggling towards a more dcmocratic future?

The fact that the training involves

LETTERS

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officers close to the now sidelined ex- any other type of research). Per-Strategic Army Reserve commander Lieutenant-General Prabowo. Both in East Timor (where Kopasgross buman rights abuses), and in Jakarta, when forces under benefit. Prabowo's command crushed the pro-democracy movement in July 1996, and only last week appear to. have attempted a putschroutside the presidential palace, the Special and ruthless ways which have claimed civilian lives.

sensitive such training for the Indonesian armed forces can be. Between 1983 and 1987, some 350 Indonesian police officers (the poin Indonesia) received training in the UK from Bramshill Pobce College. but the college's formal involvement was eventually scaled down after the Home Office expressed concern at "reports of civilian killings" in Indonesia and the risk that Britishtrained Indonesian policemen might later commit atrocities". Clearly. the Centre for Security Studies at Hull is less squeamish.

Dr PETER CAREY Fellow and Tutor in Modern History Trinity College, Oxford

Biotech patents

Sir: Rather than hlurring the lines between invention and discovery, as Norman Baker MP suggests (Genetic Patents letters, 15 May), the new directive on European hiotecb patents, recently approved by the European Parliament, gives Europe a clearly defined structure for decisions on patents. The directive does not "give the go-ahead for yet more experiments" in animals (or

Special Forces (Kopassus) and ex-mission to conduct animal research is regulated in the UK by the Home Office. The directive does have a Subianto is especially disturbing, number of areas specifically excluded from patentability, including sus operations have been marked by uses of animals which cause suffering witbout substantial medical

Mr Baker says. "Now is the time to have a wider debate on genetic engineering." The European Union, the Commission, MEPs and many of its member citizens have been dis-Forces have been used in irregular cussing this subject in the context of the draft directive for more than ten years. One of the outcomes of his de-In November 1996, the Nation- bate is that the directive includes the al Audit Office report on aid to In- provision for an ethical overview sues raised by all aspects of hiotechnology. Furthermore, John Battle MP. Minister for Science, has recently initiated an extensive public conlice being part of the armed forces: sultation process into the new hiotechnologies.

The development of modern diagnostics and medicines relies heavily on hiotechnology. Without adequate patent protection, the investment and the 12 years it usually takes to develop a new medicine would be impossible to imagine. Patients now have good reason to hope that biotechnology can fulfil its promise to provide new and better medical treatments.

Dr JEFF KIPLING Director, Science and Technology The Association of the British Pharmaccutical Industry London SW1

Sir: A patent for an invention gives the patent holder a monopoly commercially to exploit his invention for a limited period. A patent does not confer ownership of any physical article, whether human tissuc or whatever. To obtain a patent the inventor has to disclose the details of how to perform his invention. These details are subsequently published and are Norwich

available at the end of the patent term for anyone to use.

The rationale for a patent system and always has been, that availability of limited-length monopolies encourages not only innovation but also the disclosure of innovation. The deal between state and inventor is that the limited monopoly is given in return for a contribution of some value to the stock of published technical information. That information can he used by anyone without payment of any fee for "experimental purposes relating to the subiect matter of the invention" during the term of the patent, and for all purposes including commercial exploitation at the and of the term.

tionale has existed in this country for more than four centuries. Where would we be now without it? Modem medicine would be very different indeed. JAMES MARSHALL

London EC4

World Cup whingers

Sir: The World Cup will be starting shortly, and you will get the usual moans about too much football on television, so I should like to retal-Soaps: Brookside three times a

week. EastEnders three times a week, Coronation Street three times a week. Neighbours every night. Home and Away every night. I don't watch any so they should all be taken off the air. (My opinion matters more than the millions who watch these shows.)

Dramas: Sorry, social history was boring enough at school; I do not want to see it on the box.

Quizzes and gameshows: Yuk! Take them all off.

Lots more football and motorcycle racing please. Mrs S A JEPP

Army's PR professionals

Sir: Civilians who have lived within the pub-crawling range of barracks can make their own judgement about who is living in the real world, Brigadier R D S Gordon (letter, 22 May) or your leader-writer (20

Just one tiny cavil, bowever. The Brigadier says the Army is "this country's most professional and disciplined organisation". No doubt the Army's Director of Public Relations weighs his words, and knows exactly what be is talking about. But exactly how unprofessional and illdisciplined are the police, nurses, teachers, firefighters, paramedics, care-workers, the Navy and the Air Force, compared with the Brigadier's almost, but (as he admits) not wholly immaculate Army? We would love to be told.

Dr MICHAEL HALLS

Unsafe convictions

Sir: Your leading article (21 May) on the nurses convicted of murder in Saudi Arabia entirely misses the point. Over four bundred years ago Micbel de Montaigne pointed out that it is always unsafe to convict persons of serious crimes on confessional evidence -- especially when that evidence is uncorroborated. That even the latest series of miscarriages of justice in this country does not seem to have convinced the judiciary of this obvious fact is, I fear, only to be expected.

Dr MAX GAUNA Reader in French Studies Sheffield University

Adrian who?

Sir: Your spiel about the Allen Ginsherg do (20 May) calls me a "scouser". Nah. Liverpool's well wicked, specially the Beatles and the Anfield mob. hut I was born within pissing range of Hampstead Heath. You're thinking of my old mucker Adrian Henri. Sorted? ADRIAN MITCHELL London NW5

Truth or lies? Or is it all just news to you? Here is the quiz that reveals all



HOW WELL do you follow the news? Quite well? Very well? So well that you could actually answer quiz questions about it? Well, that's just what's going to happen now, so put your money where your mouth is, strangerl

What I'm going to do here and now is bring you six news stories dating from the last week. One of them is untruc.

Yes, all you have to do is spot an untrue news story. Sounds easy, doesn't it? Think you can

do it? Let's go!

Here are the six stories. 1. Robin Cook is very worried by the failure of his "ethical" foreign policy in Indonesia, i.e. by the use of British tanks and arms against the students in Jakarta. It is a bit late to get the repressive arms back. again, so Mr Cook has sent out a secret envoy to discuss a multi-million deal

whereby arms will be sold, on unlimited credit, to the students.

2. The one person who has come out of the Northern Ireland situation unblemished is Senator Mitchell. Trusted by all sides, seen by all as a man who will listen endlessly and not do any propagandising himself, he is accepted by everyone as a man who is above sectarianism. It now turns out that this was for a reason which had nothing to do with his personal qualities; it was because he found the Northern Ireland accents of all concerned absolutely impenetrable, and has barely understood a single word addressed to him since he arrived in the province. This, and this alone, explains his aura of godlike detachment, A man who. cannot understand what is said to him will never be upset or angered by it.

3. One of the resignations at the beleaguered Arts Council which has gone un-

Wine Advisory Panel, Mr Ralph Pepler. It was Mr Pepler's joh to advise on the wine supplies for all launch parties, first nights, private views, receptions, Arts Council lunches etc. Not only did he advise on wine policy but he controlled a considerable budget, with over £50,000 worth of wine passing through his hands every month. Now he has resigned in protest against Mr Gerry Rohinson's policies, but that is not all all the wine he currently controls has vanished as well. Police are urgently looking for a quict, bespectacled man of about fifty with a small beard and a huge white van marked "Arts Council Wines on the Move!". They caution the public to be careful if they spot him. "This man is dangerously affable, and can drink anyone under the table," they warn.

4. If Mr Blair speaks French as well as he seems to, he will no doubt know that publicised is that of the chairman of the his name has an odd meaning in French. deal whereby, if England did happen to

Yes, the French do have a word blair in their language. It is the slang word for "nose". or as we would say, "hooter" or "conk". "Je l'ai dans le blair" means "I have him in my nose" or, as we would say, "he gets up my nose." "Blairer", the verb, means to sniff, to smell and also to smell badly. "Je ne peux pas lc hlairer" means "I can't stand him." "Cela blaire" means "That smells a bit off" or "That doesn't half pong." So "Tony Blair" to French ears means "Tony stinks." That is why the French nickname for our Prime Minister is "Smelly".

5. The untold story about the release of the two British nurses from a Saudi prison is that they were given a pardon by the Saudi authorities on condition that the Saudi Arahian football learn were to be allowed to get away without being defeated by England at Wembley at the weekend. The Saudi Arabian team also proposed a win, all charges against Jonathan Aitken would have to be dropped, but Glenn Hoddle would not countenance this.

6. The report last week that Christie's, the Bond Street auctioneers, has been sold to a French firm for £721m was somewhat premature. On examination, the French firm discovered that what they had been sold was oot the real Christie's at all, but a rather crude fake company which bore the same name. A spokesman for the delighted real Christie's said: "You'd be surprised how often we get foreign people to hand over millions of pounds for a load of old tosh, and what a kick we get out of it. And I think we've done it again! Get the champagne out!"

That's it. Those are the six news stories. As I said, one of them is untrue. What I didn't tell you is that the other five are untrue as well. Well, that's news reporting for

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ROSIE MILLARD

SO, the Brighton Festival is over. And I missed it. I was not one of 150,000 visitors enjoying the second largest street theatre bonanza in the country. But was I sad to have let this oneoff opportunity to see original art slip from my diary? No. oot really.

Indeed the sad fact is that I'll probably beable to catch most of the 800 events "highlighted" at Brighton during another festival somewhere else in the country this year. For despite the programmes, the lovely posters and all the flags flying along the Pavilions minarets, the Brighton Festival isn't all that special. It's simply part of the circuit.

Let's have a look at the so-called special eveots in the programme. Take Neil Bartlett oratorio, the Seven Sacraments. After Brighton, it's moving to Southwark Cathedral, south Loodon. The ceramics of Shoji Hamada oo show at the Ditehling Museum? Off to the Ashmolean in Oxford, then Bonhams in London. As for every single stand-up, street show, busker and fire eating juggler oo Brighton pier: their next stop is the Edinburgh Fringe (August). Then the Manchester Festival (October) and then if the audiences can bear it. The Pick of the Edinburgh Fringe in Loodoo's West End (November).

Even elements of the Brighton Festival that could be termed truly local were something of a cop-out. The combined show of Eric Gill's sculpture, Edward Johnstoo's calligraphy and Ethel Mairet's weaving, all of whom lived in oearby Ditchling, is on display at - funnily enough - nearby Ditchling. The programme organisers didn't eveo bother putting the triumvirate into a special show for the festival. This is a permanent exhibition. And the fabulous show from local loooy Aristo and Dali collector, the late Edward James? Sadly this just looked like coincidence, since the exhibition opened before the festival did.

Summer cultural fests were oot always this disappointingly homogeneous. In earlier days, when each town had its own producing theatre and a permanent repertory company, one could bowi around the country and see truly regional stuff. Now, most regional theatres simply play host to a legioo of travelling shows engineered to hit town at festival time.

There are a few exceptions; every seasoo at the Stepheo Joseph Theatre in the Round in Scarborough, Alan Ayckbourn writes and directs new shows using a proper resident company. But in towns where there is no resident artistic visionary, it's got a trifle lazy. Festival organisers appear to be simply ringing up the

same impresarios and booking the same acts. In fact, festivals across the country could save mooey and time on their programmes and simply produce the same literature on

each of their "special" acts. Stand-up comedy is the worst offender. then why bother going?

Lee Evans, Ben Elton, Sean Hughes. A bespoke show for each festival? Don't make me laugh. The festival season has been stretched so far that in the end, these performers don't actually need a home turf at all. They're merely ginbal entertainers in a global festival.

Sure, Sean Hughes speaks winningly about the Blarney Stone, leprechauns and all things Oirish. In reality he probably only touches down in the Emerald Isle when there is a festival crowd he can pick up on.

And then there's P J Harvey, singing at Edinburgh this year. An excited preview in The Scotsman tells us gushingly that not only is this young Polly's first appearance in Scotland for three years, but that all her other stops in 1998 are at "major European festivals". Of course they are. Would P J Harvey risk a venue Out of festival-time?

It's not that I want to appear grumpy about gifted entertainers giving everyone a chance to see their shows. The trouble is that regional festivals have started to look worryingly like town centres, all of which boast the same shops. For Burtons, read Lee Evans. For Miss Selfridge, Jo Brand, and for Marks & Speccer, take any combination of any "improv" group involving Neil Mullarkey and Josie Lawrence. It's so dull it's anything but festive.

Even Slava the Russian clown, and his spectacular Snow Show, which wowed the Edinhurgh Fringe, began to look just a hit unspecial when exactly the same poster for exactly the same show was seen six months later outside the Old Vic in Waterloo.

There are some honorable exceptions. Not every festival is so unoriginal. You can't replicate a festival of chamber music in Wren churches anywhere outside London, because you can't transport Wren churches

Summer cultural fests were not always this homogeneous

around the country. Glyndebourne has many imitators but no real competitors.

And year after year, the Edinburgh International Festival, which really has got pulling power, seems to trot our a truly origioal programme. One suspects its artistic integrity simply wouldn't allow it to include a show that has already done all the rounds elsewhere. So you know when you see Rimsky-Korsakov's The Invisible City of Kitesh performed by the Kirov Opera at Edinburgh that you are at a real ooe-off.

Am I being snobbish? Not really, it's just there is much to be said for the excitement of making a pilgrimage to a special eveot. Of course, festivals are there for locals as much as anyone else; and it is jolly convenient to eojoy the spoils of something like the Fringe on your doorstep. But organisers should beware of booking quite so many duplicates. It might be cheaper at the outset, but in the long ruo boredom will set in.

· Festivals should be peculiar to their location: bespoke events drawing visitors from across the country to experience things that can happen nowhere else. If the highlights of the Edinburgh Fringe are also the highlights of Manchester, Londoo and Brighton,

The war ended over fifty years ago, so why can't we make peace with Japan?



CASEY

WHAT do we think of the Japanese? Do they feel remorse for the war? Will the Emperor apologise?

Let us try a different question; what must the Japanese be thinking of us? Wheo oewspaper columnists urge the surviving POWs to turn their back on the Emperor, and whistle Colonel Bogey, and when this amiable man is described as "the son of the vilest war criminal" is it possible that the Japaoese will wonder whether we are quite in our right minds?

To be and-German is thoroughly bad form, even though the Nazi war-crimes far exceed the atrocities of the Japanese both in scale and carefully planned criminality. It seems perfectly acceptable to be instinctively hostile to Japan.

True, the exigencies of the Cold War led us to re-arm and ally ourselves with the Germans only a few years after the end of the Second World War. Yet the same is true of Japan at the time of the Korean War. The Americans occided a secure military base in Asia, and the Japanese obliged. The Americans wanted Japan to develop an export-led economy as the economie motor of Asia - and again the Japanese obliged.

The Japanese are thoroughly puzzled. The United Kingdom benefits more than any other European country from Japanese investment. There are oo political conflicts between us and Japan. We have long since got over the humiliations of the fall of Singapore and Burma, and the shock - very powerful at the time - of discovering that the soldiers of a yellow race could fight as well as ours. So it all comes down to the prisopers and the apparent failure of Japan to offer a whole-hearted apology.

The former German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt told the Japanese a few years ago that, unlike the Germans, they had never faced up to the War. It is certainly true that in the many conversations I have had with Japanese about the past I have rarely, if ever, found that they understand our feelings about the prisoners. The old Japanese idea that to surrender is a disgrace, and that prisoners have no rights, still seems unconsciously to influence them. The Prime Minister of Japan. Ryutaro Hashimoto, recently issued the strongest apology to date. It would obviously be right for Japan oow to offer full compensation.

The trouble is that the prisoners issue encourages us to be wholly self-rightcous about the war. To see things from



the Japanese point of view seems ritories we would become merely an imunimaginable. Even now some Japanese - in their cups - will frankly admit that the worst thing about the war was that they lost. Is this shocking - a proof that Helmut Schmidt was right? Or should we - and the Americans - be as willing to re-examine our own past as we insist that the Japanese should theirs?

After the Meiji Restoration of 1868 which destroyed feudal Japan, the Japanese were determined to avoid the fate of China which was virtually colonised by the Western powers. They set out to become a modern, industrialised nation. In commoo with all the European powers they assumed that this entailed acquiring overseas territory to protect their supply of raw materials. They were obsessed with the idea that with hardly any natural resources they would always be at the mercy of foreign ecemies. The British helped them build their fleet. We also applauded the success of plucky little Japan in defeating Russia in the war of 1904-5. To counter Chinese influence in Korea, Britain and France encouraged the Japanese to expand there.

The Japanese came to think that they had vital interests in Manchuria, and developed the fantasy that they would turn it ioto a "paradise oo earth". They did not do that - but they greatly improved the infrastructure, building railways, as well as brioging in millions of Korean and Japanese immigrants. Japanese "special interests" in Manchuria were officially recognised by the Americans

We should remember how much all this reflected conventional thinking. George Orwell wrote in defence of the British Empire that without overseas terpoverished island, and would all have to work very hard and live on a diet of herrings and potatoes.

The success of Japan entirely depended oo free and opeo international trade. But after the slump of 1929, the Americans and the imperial powers erected ever higher tariff walls, which effectively excluded Japanese exports from Europe and the United States. Japan's response was to increase its trade in the Near and Far East. But quite soon Japanese exports were kept out of all the countries controlled by the western powers - i.e. the Philippines, Indo-China, Borneo, Indooesia, Malaya, Burma

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and India. Japanese emigration also became impossible, except to Brazil.

If you read accounts of debates in Japanese Cabinets in the years leading up to the Pacific War, you cannot doubt that the Japanese really did fear encirclement. This fear sometimes took lunatic forms. On the very eve of war, the appalling foreign minister in the Tojo government, Yosuke Matsuoka, revealed to the cabinet his theory that Germany, Great Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union would in the eod join forces to wage war oo Japan. (At this meeting the navy minister turned to his colleagues and said: "The foreign minister is crazy, isn't he?")

In 1940 the Americans, as part of their support of Chiang Kai-shek against the Japanese, placed an embargo on aviation fuel, which Japan could ohtain from oo other source. In September of that year Japanese troops entered Indo-China, as a step towards ensuring the supply of petroleum from the Dutch East Indies. In 1941 the United States annunced a total emhargo oo oil supplies to Japan.

The war in the Far East was oot the moral crusade that the Americans proclaimed it to be. It was oot analogous to the struggle against Hitler's Germany. It was a conflict between different imperialisms at a time wheo the Western imperial powers had decided that their own world-order was sacrosanct.

The chief indictment of the Japanese leaders at the Tokyo trials of 1946 was that they conspired to dominate East Asia. Giveo that the Western powers then dominated almost the whole of Asia, this was an especially ludicrous accusatioo.

So I would gness that those Japanese who have a sense of history will be a little puzzled and resentful at our overwhelming self-righteousness. This may make them less receptive to the issue of the POWs. Let us remember the prisoners and the Rape of Nangking, but also the Allied war crimes - Hiroshima and saki, and the fire-bombing of Tokyo in which up to 140,000 people died.

That we remember the past so selectively, that our relations with Japan can be reduced to one emotionally charged issue and that we visit the sins of the father upon the soo's blameless head - all these seem to me signs that we are turning into a rather small

Alternative baptism - spare me another meaningless ceremony



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SARA **MAITLAND**

MY CHILDREN have names - names we gave to them without their consent; names that directly or indirectly bind them to continuity with their parents' history. Neither of my children. by their own choice, use their given first names socially.

both my children were baptised; they went through a rite de passage, entirely without their choosing, that was important to their pareots. Their godparents were - at least at the time of the christenings - "committed" Christian communicants who could with sincerity take those oaths on behalf of the bahies. They believed in the Holy Trinity and salvation through Christ; and they found an honest way of repudiating the power of the "world, the flesh and

A quarter of a century later, my childreo have cootinuing relationships, or have found a use for, three-quarters of their godpareots. These relationships are not more important than the relationships they

devil" oo the children's behalf.

Quite separate from this, bave voluntarily formed with other adult friends of their parents - but I suspect they may

bave been a model for that. I am pleased (and proud) about the close relationships my children have with individuals who are of my and their father's generation, and whom they know because of our friendships: this is good for all of us. One of the reasons for hav-

ing "official" godparents is that they affirm positive inter-generation connections. Even if the particular godparents chosen aren't, in the long run, supportive adults, they still signify (eveo through the crude Christmas-present tenor) the . possibility of a good relation-

It is healthy for children to

important adults in their lives than those who happen to be their biological parents - and particularly as the extended family disappears in sociological and geographical fragmentation. So I have intrinsic sympathy with the suggestion, made by Lord Young of Dartington yesterday, that children who don't have the good fortune to have Christian parents should have an official way of acquiring some extra involved and

But hang on. Nothing in Lord Young's proposal for the state to provide a "naming ceremony" which is both secular and significant is about the oceds and well-being of children. The proposed ceremony. he tells us, is a "very important know that there are other occasion for parents and grand-

committed adults in their lives.

parents and families generally". The idea behind god-parents (apart from the religious obligations they traditionally undertook) was to provide children with a counter-balance to their pareots. Interestingly, an old word for a godparent was a "gossip" [god sib = god relation (as in sibling)]. A gossip was originally a woman who stayed with a mother through her labour in

order to take care of the ebild. while the mid-wife had a primary

useful division of labour. Are parents really prepared to see their children as autonomous individuals with rights parallel to their own - as full and free members of society rather than their possessions? If so, then a new rite in which parents would publicly

promise to share the responsihility for, and care of, their children with the wider society would be valuable.

In France, I am told, godparents have a legally recognised advocacy role for the well-being of their godehildren. Appointing "guardians" or "gossips" or "social-parents" or "advocates" - the right name is a problem - here, and giving them real authority in the child's life, would be interesting and important.

responsibility to the mother. A But a ceremony on its own, with no legal or faith content. is unlikely to create a new conoectioo between families and

Lord Young's proposal is a hopeless attempt to hring the institutions of Christianity to bear in a secular society.

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Girl power

UNTIL yesterday, thousands of words were written about Peter Mandelson but the man himself remained worryingly enigmatic. Then four young womeo students from St Leocards School, St Andrews, were granted an interview with Mandy. Could be have imagined that the result would be the most chilling X-ray of his soul ever committed to paper? Published as part of the Daily Telegraph's School Newspaper Awards, future historians will surely treasure this profile of the Minister without Portfolio. At the end of their brilliant article, the studeots conclude: "We had heard tales of the 'Prince of Darkness'. We had also read that he was 'a lovely man'. Neither description seems entirely accurate." Out of the mouths of babes...

Green envy

DRINKING pink lemonade in the Pharmacy bar on Sunday afternoon. Paul Bartel, the American actor and director of such off-beat film classics as Eating Raoul and Scenes from the Class Struggle in Beverly Hills, is in Loudon on a brief visit. Having seen Enemy of the People at the National Theatre the previous evening, he was full of praise for Sir Ian McKellen's performance. But he was even more fulsome in his acclaim for the backstage facilities on offer. "We went to see Ian after the performance and he took us into the Green Room," Bartel told Pandora. "Tve never seen a Green Room like that in the States. It's a real bar" Could this be the secret to attracting more Hollywood investment in British culture?

PANDORA

WHERE is Charlie Sheen? Following a reported drug overdose on Wednesday, the cheeky bon vivant star of Wall Street was hospitalised in Los Angeles but checked himself out on Friday. He checked back in at lam on Saturday morning, but walked out the door soon afterwards. He was

Missing!

same response. Oh dearie!

then stopped by police and, accord-

Best nest

NATURE awarded its own prize at the Chelsea Flower Show last week. A pair of discerning blackbirds chose one of the Chanel garden's beech arches as an ideal place to start a family. Once the nest was spotted, the show's organisers gave permission for the Chanel planting to remain in place. Now it stands alone in the field that has Political riff been stripped of all its linery, a forform but highly fashionable landmark.

ing to them, taken to Cedars-Sinai Nice guy

However, a hospital spokesperson . AFTER four of editor Dominic Lawtold the Associated Press that there son's key Sunday Telegraph staff rewas no record of Sheen being on the signed in recent weeks, it was perhaps premises. Pandora's call received the understandable that hacks' tongues would wag. Now Pandora has been told

about a meeting between Lawson and Conrad Black, his proprietor, at which Lawson apologised for the many defections. Black then recommended that he be nice to his staff. How silly! Surely there is no UK newspaper editor more patient and loving towards his minions than Lawson. Just ask them.

IT IS no secret that, of the three largest political parties in Britain, the Liberal Democrats have the most limited resources. As a result, Lib Dems must try harder to get their message across. Now we learn that David Rendel, Liberal Democrat MP for Newbury, is actually taking trumpet lessons. Blowing your own trumpet? Taking life a hit too literally?

Nepotism row hits Thames' expansion

By Peter Thal Larsen in London and Richard Lloyd Parry

THAMES WATER'S hopes of building up a substantial overseas business suffered a buge blow yesterday as it emerged that a lucrative contract to run the water system in Jakarta had been put on bold amid allegations of corruption and nepotism.

A company controlled by Thames was awarded the 25year contract, which covers the eastern half of Jakarta, in 1995. The western half went to a joint venture controlled by Lyonnaise des Eaux, the French utility. Both groups formally took control of the operations

Yesterday, however, the Jakartan authorities confirmed that they had put contracts covering both the west and the east of the city on hold. City officials claim that both contracts were unfairly awarded to companies with links to former President Suharto, who resigned last week after a 30-year reign.

Thames Water's Indooesian joint venture, in which it has an 80 per cent stake, is with a company chaired by Sigit Hardjojudanto, a son of the former President. Lyonnaise, meanwhile, has a joint venture with Liem Sioe Liong, a close friend of the former President.

City officials allege that the two companies were awarded the contracts without a proper tendering process after the President intervened on their

The cootract required Thames to gradually extend the supply of water in its half of the city from 2 million to all 5 millioo inhabitants. Thames had planned to invest \$80m in the contract over a five-year period, although it could not say yesterday how much it had already committed to the project.

Over a 25-year period the revenues would have been substantial. The whole city is currently believed to pay approximately 30bo rupiah (\$2.5m) a month in water rates, which are set by the authorities. The Thames joint venture could have expected to receive about balf of that.

A spokeswoman confirmed that the project had heen put on bold, but added that Thames hoped it would still be involved in the future. "There is a demand in Jakarta for safe water supplies for the people in the city," she said, "Invest-



A child drinks from an open pipe in Indonesia, where there is huge potential for water companies Photograph: Reuters

ment is needed, and we believe that Thames Water is wellplaced to provide this."

Until now, Thames has avoided the pitfalls that have beset other utilities that have tried to build up overseas operations. United Utilities was recently forced to pull ont of a sewerage contract in Bangkok while Anglian Water's venture into South America was also a

Although Thames was forced to write off £95m in 1996 that went wrong, the company has subsequently gone from strength to strength. It has won a 15-year, \$800m contract to operate the water supply system in Izmit, Turkey, It also has

similar interests in Australia, Malaysia, Thailand and China.

In the year to March 1997, Thames' international operations reported a profit of £2.7m on turnover of £172m. The division's profitability is expected to rise rapidly in the next few years as the group completes its withdrawal from complex construction and design projects.

Last year, Thames rejected an offer of £400in for its nonregulated businesses from Générale des Eaux, the French conglomerate. It is, however, believed to be considering a plan to demerge the operations into a separate company.

However, recent events in Jakarta may derail these plans. Apart from standing accused of

winning the contract unfairly, quality is also understood to bave deteriorated since Thames took over.

Water sales are believed to have gone down since Kati and GDS, the local companies controlled by Thames and Lyonnaise respectively, took over in February, although this may be a delayed effect of the Asian financial crisis. "We have had complaints that the water is dirty and causes skin irritation. and that the process of handling of leakage is too slow," said Rama Boedi, director of PAM Jaya, the city-owned management company.

Last week 2,800 PAM Jaya employees, spurred by the sudden resignation of President Suharto amid clamorous and nationwide calls for political reform, signed a petition saying that they would no longer work with Kati and GDS. On Saturday, the two companies signed an agreement with PAM Jaya to review the project and the conditions on which it was based.

In a statement issued in Jakarta last night, Kati's managing director, John Hurcom, insisted that the project was continuing and denied that his company had failed to fulfil its obligations. "Kati has acted fully in accordance with the cootract betweeo Kati and PAM Jaya," he said. "It is our intentioo to continue to operate in accordance with the co-

Rates of 5.5% on the way, says Barclays

By Diane Coyle Economics Editor

HOME-BUYERS and businesses could be enjoying interest rales that are two percentage points lower by the end of oext year, according to a forecast published today.

While not ruling out one more rise in the cost of borrowing to 7.5 per cent this year, Barclays Bank is predicting that the Bank of England will be cutting interest rates to as low as 5.5 per cent by the end

This is much lower than the rate currently expected by the financial markets. At the end of last week prices in the sbort sterling futures market indicated a market expectation that rates would be around 6.5 per cent in December 1999.

The explanation for Bardays' optimism on loan rates is the bank's pessimism about growth. Chris Wright, its economics director, reckons the economy is in for a hard landng, with growth slowing to below 1.5 per cent next year.

"A key concern is that the economy may be weakening more sharply than generally exected." he said. Export growth bad come to a halt and manufacturing output was declining.

Economists - including the members of the Bank of England's Mooetary Policy Committee - differ widely as to how severe the slowdown is likely to be. Although all agree that growth is slowing, the division

is in recession, and services, which are still expanding rapidly, makes forecasting an even darker art than usual.

The latest monthly round-up of forecasts published by the Treasury shows predictions for growth ranging from 1.1 per cent to 3 per cent for this year and next. The average is for a soft landing of just over 2 per cent in 1998 and just under 2 per cent in 1999, with Barclays amongst the gloomiest handful of the 45 covered.

The next meeting of the MPC is oo 3-4 June, and any rate move then would come as a surprise. However, recent figures showing a shock rise in average earnings growth have made analysts cautious.

The key statistics due before the meeting are the CBI's monthly survey of industrial trends and the latest trade figures. Both are likely to focus attention on the weakness of manufacturing and the export

The latest published minntes, for the April meeting, showed a 5-3 vote against raising rates, from 4-4 the previous month. The MPC also made no move in May, and the switcher, Professor Charles Goodhart, is presumed not to have swung

The ninth and last member of the MPC, Professor John Vickers, will be joining the Bank as its chief economist before the June meeting, changing the voting arithmetic.

IN BRIEF

EU prepares free trade agreement with Mexico

THE EUROPEAN UNION yesterday opened the way for fasttrack negotiations on a free trade agreement with Mexico. A spokesman for the British EU presidency said foreign ministers had agreed to begin talks in July. They are aimed at recovering ground lost to the US and Canada, already able to sell goods in Mexico free of punitive taxes and tariffs. The EU and Mexico will try to reach an accord on goods and services, telecoms, transport, capital movements, competition rules and intellectual property.

Russian oil merger off

TWO RUSSIAN oil companies, Sibneft and Yuksi, called off a merger that would have created the world's third biggest private sector oil company. The two companies, which jointly produce 21 per cent of Russia's oil, said they had called off discussions because of the weakness of oil prices and the volatility of capital markets. But analysts said they believed talks had failed because of legal and personal difficulties. Mikhail Khodorkovsky, chairman of Sibneft, said: "Unfortunately the merger has required much more effort than we bad previously expected it would require." Elf Aquitaine, the French oil company, has a 5 per ceot

Budweiser grain allowed in

FARM MINISTERS agreed to allow 50,000 tonnes of grain to enter the Europe Union with reduced duty after pressure from US farmers. The deal will benefit the US brewing giant Anheuser-Busch, which says its Stag brewery in west London cannot get supplies from Europe of the high-quality barley it needs to make Budweiser. US growers have also complained of subsidised barley exported from the EU to California.

Glynwed in £100m sale

GLYNWED INTERNATIONAL, the industrial group, sold a large part of its metal services business to a US company for £100m. The Birmingham-based company sold its stainless steel and aluminium distribution arm to Kingston Metals, a subsidiary of the privately owned Henley Management.

The company had built up a leading position in metals distribution in the UK, with 21 depots and warehouses trading as Aalco, Cashmores and Amari. Glynwed, which has 1,250 staff, said it would now focus oo its core businesses - pipe systems and food service products.

Industry predicts explosion in business on the Internet

By Peter Thal Larsen

THE AMOUNT of business done over the Internet is set to quadruple in the coming two years, industry executives believe.

· This explosion will bring many businesses and consumers into regular contact with the Internet for the first time, marking the long-awaited arrival of electronic commerce as an accepted way of doing

However, the growth of the number of transactions in North America is likely to be twice that in Europe, further extending the lead that US companies have in the field of electronic commerce.

A survey conducted by Deloitte & Touche, the consulting

By Peter Thal Larsen

Investment Market.

THE STEADY trickle of com-

panies joining the stock market

is set to continue this summer

with the news that two em-

ployment companies are plan-

ning to float on the Alternative

ATA, a fast-growing em-

ployment and training group, is

looking for a market value of

major industries in 25 countries. Asked about their expectations for electronic commerce, most said they thought it would explode.

The most rapid growth is

likely to be in the area of consumer transactions, where people and businesses actually use the web lo order goods. Although the number of businesses offering their goods on the Internet has proliferated in recent years - cars, food, music, books, bank accounts and even clothes can now be purchased on the web - the oumber of people making use of the service bas been relatively small.

According to Deloitte, just 13 per cent of all business and

human resources consultancy.

is expected to be valued at

ATA specialises in recruit-

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vacancies with salaries in the

In the past three years, ATA's

range of £15,000 to £40,000.

turnover has risen from £2.0m

group, polled more than 1,000 consumer transactions are curlolite Consulting UK. "Now chief information officers in six rently done over the Internet. companies are coming to the This is expected to breach the 50 per cent mark in the next two years. Meanwhile the number of businesses using the web for marketing purposes is expected to rise from 44 per cent at the momeot to more than 75

per cent. The survey found that questions of security, which have traditionally prevented companies and consumers from venturing on to the web, were becoming less important.

"Until now, businesses have been besitant to adopt e-commerce because of security concerns or the perception that their customers aren't using it to buy products and services," said John Reeve, partner at De-

have almost quadrupled to

£883,000. Clive Chapman, chief

executive, said the listing would

help ATA achieve its objective

of becoming a fully-fledged sup-

Buckinghamshire, aims to offer

a complete "people develop-

ment service" providing ad-

vice for buman resources

AdVal, based in Aylesbury,

port services company.

Employment companies to float on AIM

about £11m while AdVal, a to £4.7m, while pre-tax profits

realisation that security will always be an issue - but less of a concern than missing out on a vital new channel that could provide a tremendous competitive advantage."

The biggest growth in Internet use is expected in those industries which have been slow to adopt it, such as consumer busioesses and the bealthcare sector. In consumer industries, the proportion of transactions cooducted electronically is expected to rise from 8.4 per cent 43.4 per cent in two years' time. The survey also predicts that the use of the Internet in bealthcare is likely to increase more than fivefold to 33.3 per cent.

departments as well as training

courses. Its customers include

Barclays Bank, Volkswagen

Sir Jeremy Hanley, the former

Foreign Office minister, to be

its non-executive chairman. In

the year to March 1998, pre-tax

profits more than doubled to

£690,000 on tumover up 79 per

cent to £2.87m.

The company has attracted

UK, Royal Mail and BP.

Yen tumbles to 7-year low

THE JAPANESE government yesterday moved to talk up the yen after it hit a seven-year low against the dollar.

The yen tumbled to 137 to the dollar after it was reported that Robert Rubin, the US Treasury Secretary, was willing to see the currency continue falling in order to stimulate the Japanese ecooomy.

Oo Monday, a US magazine reported that Mr Rubin was willing to see the yen slide to 140 or even 150 per dollar if that was what it took to stop a collapse of Japan's economy.

Currency markets took Mr Rubin's remarks as a hint the US Treasury was willing to sacrifice US competitiveness to get Japan's economy back on its feet. As European markets closed, the yen stood at 137.05 to the dollar.

However, in the Japanese parliament, Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Prime Minister, hinted the ven was now too weak. "It is not a figure that makes me happy," he said. "Everybody has lost too much confidence in the Japanese economy. They have become too sensitive to market fluctuations."

As markets in Europe and the Far East dragged the yeo lower, Japan's ministry of finance said it would take "decisive action" to shore up the Koji Tanami, Vice Finance

Minister, said there was



Robert Rubin is reported to want a slide as a stimulus

international support for attempts to stop the yeo falling too far. "At the last Group of Seveo meeting in London the United States said it shares Japan's concern over excessive yen weakness." he said. Mr Tanami added: "Japan

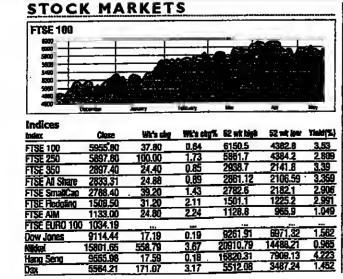
will continue to cooperate with other nations and take decisive action against excessive weakness in the yen." However, be declined to say whether the ven was now excessively weak. Mr Rubin passed up an op-

portunity to deny the report of he alleged remarks. Asked if it was untrue, he stuck to the oftrepeated formula that a strong dollar was in US interests. Analysts said the Bank of

Japan may be ready to intervene. There was a risk that the yen's slide would trigger a fresh round of devaluations of southeast Asian currencies.

Herve Goulletquer, chief economist at Credit Lyonnais, said: "A weaker yen will not be good for Asian countries."

A week in the markets



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Canada (S)	2.3048	New Zealand (\$)	2.9179
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rance (francs)	9.3488	Singapore (\$)	2.5279
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Should the central banks kill the bull markets?

NOW that central bankers have been flating. Obviously, help will be needed granted omniscient status in many parts nf the world, they are of course expected by the public to do the impossible. Cutting through the impenetrable mist which sadly still surrounds these institutions, centrai bankers can essentially do one thing, and one thing only - they can either raise or lower the shurt-term rate of interest. Changing the short rate may or may nut have the desired effect on long bond yields. equity prices and property prices in the rest of the economy. It may or may not impact on private spending, unemployment and inflation in the anticipated manner. It may result in the exchange rate either rising nr falling. At best, with unly one policy instrument at their disposal, central banks can achieve only one of these objectives at any given time and, if they attempt to aim their single instrument at more than one objective, they are quite

We have seen a recent instance of this in the UK, where the Bank of England has been asked simultaneously to protect the manufacturing sector by holding down the exchange rate, while also acting to dampen inflation pressures in the service sector. It would be serendipitous if both of these objectives could be accomplished simply by varying the shortterm interest rate - and so far this has not proven to be the case. (It would be far better, incidentally, if the Bank would spell this out in no uncertain terms to the public, so that it is not henceforth expected to perform the impossible.)

likely to run into severe trouble.

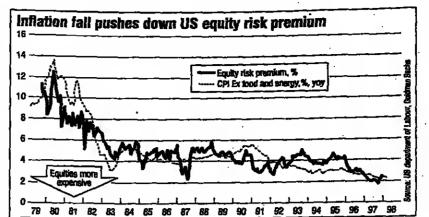
A similar phenomenon is beginning in worry the new European Central Bank. If the ECB manages to achieve price stability for the entire euro area, some countries will probably experience high inflation, while others suffer nutright de-

from national fiscal policy in order to iron out these discrepancies, and once again the ECB should make this crystal clear to the public before the inevitable disappointment sets in.

A third comparable area concerns US share prices, which have increased almost two-and-a-half fold in the past three years. Many observers convinced themselves years ago that they have been observing sympinms of what Alan Greenspan calls "irrational exuberance". Among many others, The Economist has urged the Federal Reserve in tighten US monetary policy simply in urder to control this surge in asset prices, even though consumer price inflation is very docile at below 2 per cent per annum. This of course immediately raises the issue of whether a central bank ought to be concerned with the stability of asset prices (shares, property etc) as well as that of the prices of goods and services, which are the only prices which show up in official inflation

be surprised at the suggestion that the central bank should assume such a responsibility. After all, most people seem to regard rising equity and house prices as a good thing, even though many of them will be net buyers of such assets in the future, and are therefore nutright losers when prices go up today. More generally, while a rapid increase in consumer prices should almost always be considered a "bad thing", this is not true of asset prices, which might increase for sound fundamental reasons such as a permanent decline in interest rates or an increase in the rate of return nn capital. Both have quite obviously happened in the US during the 1990s. It is not clear why the public interest

Most ordinary voters would, no doubt,



should be served by seeking to control such

For these and other reasons, central banks have never been persuaded that they should take action solely to prevent increases in asset prices. Certainly, in a case where rising asset prices are seen as a leading indicator of future increases in consumer price inflation - perhaps working through higher consumer spending in response to an improvement in household wealth - then it is obvious that central bank action is required. But it is much trickier to decide whether asset price inflation, in and nf itself, should be a cause for central bank action, when consumer price inflation seems set to remain low and

The reason that this even arises as an issue is that some of the most disruptive bonts of inflation in the past decade, with the most severe consequences for output and employment, have come in asset prices, not consumer prices. Obvious examples are Japan in the late 1980s, Britain and Scandinavia in the early 1990s, and the Asian tigers in the past 12 months. In each case, an asset price bubble has been encouraged by lax liquidity conditions, only for this bubble suddenly to burst, taking the banking sector and the entire economy down with it. Those who are worried about the current "over-valuation" of Wall Street believe that the same may be happening in America today.

It is probable that, if the Federal Reserve could be persuaded that a liquidity-driven asset price bubble were indeed developing in the US today, then there would be a presumption in favour of raising interest rates immediately, even thrugh consumer price pressures are conspicuous by their absence. In fact, Alan Greenspan himself argued in his "irrational exuberance" speech in December 1996 that "evaluating shifts in balance sheets generally, and in asset prices particularly, must be an integral part of the development of monetary policy". According to Greenspan, the Federal Reserve

accepts a responsibility to iron out asset price bubbles that "might impair the real

But the problem here is deciding when a bubble really is a bubble. Typically, in any period of rapidly rising share prices. there are series of new factors which can be adduced to explain the bull market. Sometimes it turns out that these factors are fundamentally well based, in which case the bull market proves sustainable. Other times, they turn out to be figments of market "hype", and the bubble bursts, usually in a very painful manner. The difficult part is spotting the difference between these two situations while there is still time to take action. At present, it is far from clear that the US stock market is experiencing a bubble. As the accompanying graph (from Bill Dudley of Guldman Sachs) demonstrates, the rise in equities relative to bonds, nr the decline in the equity risk premium, has happened primarily because equities are genuinely less risky in a low inflatinn environment. Nn sign of an equity bubble here.

Other valuation techniques give a more worrying answer, and there is no doubt from a series of recent speeches that the Federal Reserve is becoming concerned that US equities are in overvalued territory. But it is another matter to be certain enough that this is the case to raise interest rates when there is no other cause to tighten policy. The Fed's view appears to be that, in the transparent capital markets of the US, and with the banking sector looking robust and healthy. asset price inflation should only be a concern of the central bank if it expected in trigger consumer price inflation down the road. So far, they have not quite reached that conclusinn, so interest rates are still

By Roger Trapp

THE UK suffered 55 cases of fraud worth more than £100,000 last year, according to figures published yesterday by forensic accountants at KPMG. The number of cases represents a significant drop on the 74 recorded in 1996, but the total value of the frauds is up 27 per cent, from £95m to £120m.

The accounting firm has recorded 616 cases of fraud of more than £150,000 - costing a total of £3.638bn - over the petrated at times like the prepast decade. The peak was in senf, when business is booming.

1995. when £1.2bn was de Adam Bates, fraud investifrauded, it says.

sector was the most significant victim, suffering 18 individual frauds of more than £100,000 with fraud against investors soaring from 1996's £4m to £73m last

year, The increase was mainly due to a small number of cases where false promises were made to investors concerning the high profits that could be made from complex instruments that were little understood, In 1996, the chief victim of fraud was the Government.

The findings come days after a report from another leading accountancy firm indicated that, while fraud is often not discovered until a downturn in the economy, it is often per-Adam Bates, fraud investi-

gatinn partner at KPMG's that, although the current cost of fraud in the UK was still lower than it was in the early 1990s, it was still "a very considerable amnunt".

He added: "Frauds result largely from poor internal controis. Organisations and companies must be reminded that they have to keep a strict eye on these controls, and not be lulled into a false sense of security."

He also warned companies to assess fraud risk on an international basis since the opening of world markets was creating significant opportunities for fraudster as well as for business. "An increasing amount of our work includes international assignments," he said.

The importance of this aspect of work was demonstrated when the KPMG accounts shed earlier this year showed a 47 per cent increase in forensic accounting work in the final three months of 1997. compared with the same period the previous year.

Cost of biggest frauds rises Electricals 'cannot cut prices'

By Andrew Verity

GOVERNMENT attempts to ban price-fixing in electrical goods will fail to cut prices because retailers' profit margins are already wafer-thin, the country's leading authority no

retailing said yesterday. A report on the sector by Verdict, the retail consultancy, shows the majority of electrical retailers are taking profit margins of less than 5 per cent. Some margins were as narrow as 0.1 per cent, leaving no

scope for price cuts. The Department of Trade would ban the use of recommended retail prices on televisions, hi-fis, computers and other electrical goods from 1 September. The move fol-

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lowed a recommendation last said; "If retailers are nperating Verdict thinks not. A discount July from the Monnpolies and Mergers Commission, which found prices were uniform across the country.

"Verdict does not understand why the highly competitive electricals market has been singled out for this DTI sledgehammer," the authors said. There are other areas of consumer spending - such as cars which seem far more deserving of such regulation."

dustry observ have predicted the move will lead to the price of electrical goods being cut by up to 20 per cent. But Clive Vanghan, nne sition to do so. "Will people buy of the authors of the report, more fridges if the price is cut?

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a cartel then it is a singularly ineffective one. In a monopoly or cartel situation you would expect lots of feather-bedded companies making great proflts. [But] the electricals sector

Only Dixons Stores Group, which commands more than 20 per cent of the market, makes a margin higher than 7 per cent. Argos has a profit margin of 6.6 per cent while stores such as o make univ 3.7 per cent

is very competitive."

Retailers would only slash their prices if they sold enough goods - when few were in a poformat can only work if it has very low operating costs and huge sales volumes." The consultancy said the

MMC had found uniform prices because of competition rather than a cartel. The strength of competition was shown by the number of retailers that had disappeared over the past five years, it said.

Since 1993, there has been rapid consolidation in the elecls retail sector. Casualties have included Powerstore, Colorvision and Clydesdale.

Dixons Stores Group, which owns Curry's and PC World, has grown its share of the market from 15 to 20 per cent. Comet, the second largest retailer, has 6 per cent.

Customers are flocking away from the high street to out-of-town electrical superstores, which now make up 35 per cent of the market.

Retailers such as Tempo. Scottish Power and Powerhouse were beginning to challenge the leaders, opening at least 10 new stores a year, the report said.

Sales in 1997 were buoyed by a jump in spending as customers spent windfalls from building society flotations. Spending rose by 9 per cent to £15.6bn while volumes jumped by 13 per cent. However, sales since January have flattened nut as the economy slowed

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A mega-market for Euroland could be the next step

THE WEEK AHEAD



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By 2005 they see the mishmash of insignificant Continental markets merged into one. Mark Howdle at Salomon Smith Barney says: "The only market to measure it against will be the US market."

The Salomon man is, of banks." course, assuming economic and monetary union is a success and the euro is alive and well half way through the first decade of the new millennium.

It is possible the UK will be dragged into Euroland by 2005. But Mr Howdle has, probably wisely, assumed the UK is still going it alone and has not included the London stock market in his calculations.

He sees the euro equity market more than doubling in value, merely because of the changes one market, one currency will introduce.

The present fragmentation of

THE PROSPECT of a huge European equities "is not doing ternational Financial Futures tain direct access into some-European stock market, pre- investors any favours" but the & Options Exchange has been thing resembling an order book should - happen is that share sumably based in Frankfurt, is one-market payoff will be lower made to look leaden-footed by system then there would pre-market should become twotransaction costs and greater liq- its Frankfurt rival should be re- sumably be no need for market uidity – a quantum leap in market efficiency", he says.

The new Eurozone equity treat the euro challenge. market will become increasingly like the US market.

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challenge is one of the reasons put forward by the Stock Exchange for its controversial order-driven trading system. London could, of course,

eventual European exchange while the UK is outside Emu, to this side of the Atlantic. suspect it could not continue to change. London is still streets ahead of Continental exchanges, although the way the London In-

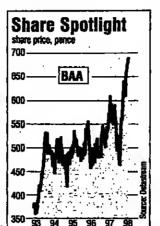
garded as a dire warning that makers, or even stockbrokers. complacency is not the way to

as strategists ponder the pos-Mr Howdle says: "It sounds sible arrival of a master curo like a dream environment for share market there is an un- around in our own miniature doubted tendency for small markets to appear. Easdaq and The perceived European Euro NM have arrived; even little Guernsey is expected to launch its own stock market in September.

The European share industry is also a target for Nasdaq, find life increasingly tough if the the successful US operation, which has indicated its expantakes the form Mr Howdle an- sion plans by spending a forticinates. But there is no reason, tune on television campaigns on

It is impossible to forecast flourish. And even following just how the World Wide Weh Emu entry it need not be sub- and the rest of the communimerged into a monster ex- cations revolution will influence share trading in the next century. If, as is possible, investors, hig and small, will be able to ob-

lutionary development seems It is, however, strange that little more than a pipe-dream, like the 1950s forecast that by now we should all be travelling helicopters.



tier affairs, with institutional and private investors each op-But somehow such a revo-erating in their own environ-

> After all, the needs of big investors, trading in millions of pounds, and the small player. thinking in terms of a few thousand pounds, are poles apart. Already a yawning gap has opened up.

> While many private investors queue on the telephone to get through to their execution-only broker, institutions can call the tune with regard to dealing facilities and costs, because of their trading muscle. Computerised settlement,

> nominee accounts and the extra cost being introduced in some quarters for traditional share certificates are other factors which separate the little 'uns from the mighty

There is surely an argument for the London market.

What could - and perhaps and the possible market envisaged by Mr Howdle, adopting a formal two-tier structure which at least should prevent small investors getting overwhelmed.

> THERE is an aviational look to this week's profits schedule with BAA, the old British Airports Authority, British Airways and Airtours reporting.

BAA should check in with year's figures around £470m against £444m last time. British Airways, where its long-threatened and controversial alliance with American Airlines is beginning to look increasingly remote, should manage £420m, down from £642m. The strong pound and last year's strike have done the damage.

Airtours, the holidays group, will dive deeper into the red, say a £28m loss against £12.7m at the interim stage. It traditionally suffers losses, hecause of the seasonal nature of its business, in its first half year.

should emerge near £140m against £120.3m.

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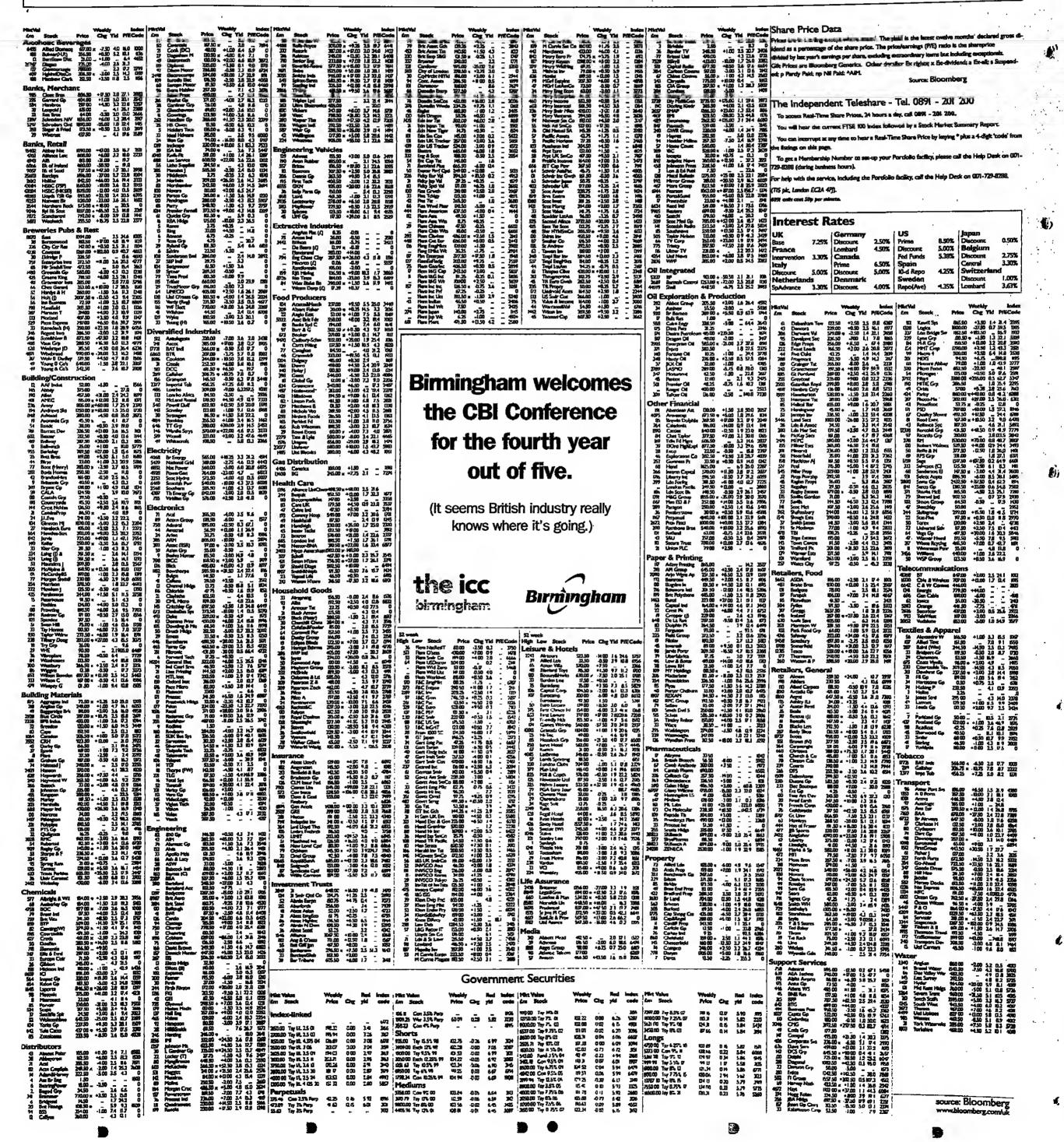
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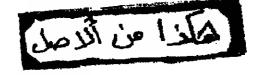
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EMI, having escaped from the attentions of the Seagram drinks-to-showbiz group, will display its suffering from the Asian downturn and the strength of sterling. Profits are likely to come out at £310m against £380.5m.

Allders and Thorn rental group keep the retail results flag flying. The department store chain's interim figures will be unexciting, say £16.4m against £16m. Thern's profits, around £115m against £164.3m, could be overshadowed by takeover developments; the group has said a

hidder hovers. Two of the more traditional regional brewers also contribute to the week's activities. Scotland's largest independent, Belhaven Brewery, is seen as making a 25 per cent gain to £4.95m and Fuller Smith & Turner, the family run London Pride group, should roll out Profits for the 12 months £12.5, up from £11.1m.





A similar thing has hap-

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io Hong Kong and a year-long

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following an Italian Oaks victory

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ing quickly into history. "It's just

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I wouldn't have been up to rid-

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Elsworth delivers heavy Punch

By Richard Edmondson at Sandown

FRANK may have gone but the comebacks haveo't. David Elsworth and Walter Swinburn further resuscitated their proviously moribund formnes here yesterday with a little help from fore he ends up in the gutter. Persian Punch. The big horse, a chestnut of the dimensions a big white hunter might see in his telescopic sight, demonstrated that his heart is in proportion with a resolute display in the Henry II Stakes. Next mooth he will make the ground shudder at Royal Ascot.

"If you win the Derby with a three-year-old colt you can go to bed for three years," Elsworth said, "but for me, as an old fogey and traditionalist, the Ascot Gold Cup is the most exciting race. It's nice to see a Punch filled the hinoculars as he proper race unfold where character and tenacity come into it."

It was a contest which allowed Persian Punch to show the

Verdi verdict on Saturday

THE Godolphin team will leave a decisioo oo the Epsom target of Cape Verdi until Saturday. The impressive winner of the 1,000 Guineas is entered in the Oaks but would need to be supplemented for the Derby on Saturday at a cost of £75,000.

 The jump jockey Ian Lawrence has announced his retirement from the saddle after holding a licence for 12 years.

full range of his virtues. It began sadly with Double Trigger
There was a head to spare at the being hard driveo to get to the lead and not even managing that small victory. The old boy is suffering from battle fatigue these days and it would be kinder to remove him to a rest home be-There is still a lot left in Per-

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Speedy James (Sandown 7.15) NB: Gold Mist (Sandown 6.45)

sian Puoch however. He was never worse than fourth and took up the running at the bottom of Sandown's run-in, three furlongs out. You put on the crampons here and scramble.

The elephantine Persian laboured up the home run almost in slow motion. It was like watching an oil tanker. You knew he was going al pace yet

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There was a head to spare at the line from Samraan and, according to Elsworth, a body full of guts. "He always wins wheo it really hurts," he said.

The performance had Gold Cup written all over it, but the other jottings of the form book carry a caveat. Persian Punch was favourite wheo a tailed-off 12th of 13 at the Royal meeting last year. Elsworth blamed that run on the horse's unfortunate housing, which was rather like having a Hell's Angel chapter move in next door. "He was near to a tricky customer [Barry Hills' Moonax] in the stalls and he flipped," the trainer said. "He banged his head, he banged his bock and he banged his knee. He totally lost cooceotration.

"When the stalls opened he was like a footballer whose legs had turned to jelly as he was about to take a penalty. He just couldn't gallop. He ran for a

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1	iver Term	11-1	10-1	41	10-1	11-1
1	ireasure Touch	11-1	13-1	12-1	10-1	8-1
1	iobelino	12-1	14-1	12-1	19-1	12-1
	ady Sherill	18-1	\$-1	16-1	8-1	16-1
	brymlopsi Orann	R 8-1	14-1	18-1	13-1	14-1
1	Apey Moth	16-1	10-1	#1	01	20-1
	Clesion Lad	28-1	14-1	8-1	28-1	14-1
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River Term	11-1	10-1	41	10-1	11-1	Lowther located the turbo swite
Treesure Touch	11-1	13-1	12-1	10-1	8-1	two furlongs out, however, an
Nobelino	12-1	14-1	12-1	19-1	12-1	was rewarded with the 100th, ar
Lady Sheriff	16-1	\$-1	16-1	8-1	16-1	biggest, win of his career.
Skymioni Omen	81	% -1	18-1	131	16-1	
Olpey Moth	16-1	10-1	14-1	10-1	20-1	Bolshoi used to be a hit of
Kilcullen Lad	28-1	14-1	8-1	28-1	14-1	lad until Jack made him who
Sandakie	20-1	20-1	20-1	8 -1	8-1	ly a gelding. "It would do a lo
Prince Dame	14-1	25-1	25-1	25-1	25-1	of people good that wouldn
وتبيدطنيان	25-1	16-1	25-1	33-1	33-1	it?" the trainer said. The pre-
Vax Repide	20-1	22-1	25-1	33-1	33-1	
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swiftness.

Futures market					
	Oales	Stakes (lm4f)		
Horse (Tiguter)	_Coral	William Life	Ladinokse	Stanley	Total
Cape Verd (Saced bn Sureor)	74	STOWN*	2-1	5-8	-10-11
Baller (Gased oin Surpor)	5-2	94	64	8-4	5-2
Michight Line (H Cact)	100-30	3-1	2-1	100-30	3-1
High And Low (8 Hits)	7-1	8-1	7-1	9-1	8-1
Cloud Castle (C British)	12-1	10-1	12-1	10-1	22-1
Threecon (T Stack/iri)	15-1	. 14-1	· 10-1	18-1	12-1
Jibe (H Cacil)	20-1	20-1	20-1	16-1	20-1
Loving Claim (Mine C Head/Fr)	20-1	20-1	20-1	20-1	18-1
Le Wult Rose (Seeed by Surpor	25-1	20-1	20-1	201	15-1
Shehtoosh (A.P. (78rien/ht)	25-1	25-1	14-1	16-1	8-1
Napoleon's Sister (D Elmorth)	33-1	25-1	25-1	33-1	20-1
Debaye (J. Croxfr)	50-1	· 40-1	doubtlut	40-1	40-1
Memperi (A P C/Brien/Iri)	66-1	33-1	50-1	40-1	33-1
Putura (1 Bulding)	66-1	68-1	50-1	68-1	50-1

D	erby	Stakes	(lm4f)		
Horse (Trainer)	Consi	Willem Hill	Ladbrokes	Starday	Total
Second Empire (A P O'Brien/ht)	72-1	74	doubtle	*2-1	7-4
Cape Verdi (Seed bn Suror)	'94	%-1	79-4	72-1	*2-1
King Of Kings (A P O'Branyiri)	5-2	5-1	41	41	41
Greek Dence (M Stoute)	8-1	. 92	8-1	5-1	7-2
City Honours (Speed by Surgor)	7-1	7-1	8-1	6-1	7-1
Samloga Springs (A P O'Board's)	7:1	5-1	doubliks	6-1	6-1
Gulland (G Virage)	11-1	8-1	10-1	8-1	6-1
Hasmi (J Durice)	12-1	12-1	10-1	10-1	B-1
Border Arrow (Belding)	16-1	12-1	14-1	14-1	74-1
Courteous (P Cole)	25-1	25-1	20-1	25-1	20-1
Croco Bouge (P Baryffr)	25-1	doubliks	doubthu	doubtful	doubtlut
High-Rise (L. Cumeri)	25-1	20-1	20-1	20-1	15-1
Sedien #i Card)	35-1	33-1	25-1	33-1	. 25:1
The Glow-Worns (B Hills)	25-1	33-1	20-1	33-1	25-1
Materian (A Stewart)	33-1	23-1	40-1	25-1	40-1
Rabeh (J Durlop)	40-1	doubtlu	doubtlui	doubtlut	doubtlu
Madeer (Seeed bin Salbot)	33-1	50-1	50-1	58-1	50-1
Two-Turenty-Two (D Weld/M)	66-1	66-1	doubtlui	65-1	50-1
Chateau Royal (A P O'Bnenfit)	88-1	100-1	doubthi	700-1	66-1
Make No Mistake (D Weich's	66-1	100-1	doubtlui	66-1	65-1
Sunshine Street (N Meade/bit	58-1	100-1	66-1	100-1	100-1
Clocks (E Lafoucheffs)	150-1	100-1	100-1	100-1	66-1
Dream Well (P Baryffr)	150-1	doubtlu	doubtlui	doubtly	doubthat
Peopliz (C Britain)	150-1	100-1	100-1	100-1	100-1
	250-1	100-1	doubthi	100-1	100-1
Tornado Prince (N Calleghari)	150-1	200-1	500-1	100-1	100-1
Wild Therapo (P Notatiffs)	500-1	200-1	doubtisi	100-1	150-1
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Leicester

2.15 Tereyna 2.45 Sandy Shore 3.15 Rabi 3.45 Massyar Seventeen 4.15 Behold 4.45 Colonel

SOING: Good (Good to Firm in places). STALLS: Stands side. DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

● Right-hand, unclusting course.
● Course is 2m SE of city off A6. Lecester station 2m, ADMISSION: Cub £13; Tattersalis £10 (CAPS £5), Picnic cer park £25 admis cer and four occupants. Free racecards, CAP PARK Free.
■ LEADING TRAINERS (5-YEAR RECORD); R Hemon 25-160 (156%), M Stoute 14-60 (23.3%), P Cole 13-110 (118%), J Goaden 12-87 (179%).

(155%), an anotate From (155%), an anotate From (155%), an anotate From (155%), and (155%)

[2	2.15	SPENCERS SMOOTH BITT CAP (E) £3,750 3YO 1m 3f	ER HAN
1	00-111	EASTWELL HALL (22) R Curis 9,7	
2	0-461	COURT SHAREEF (15) (D) R Dickin 9 4	W A Swinb
3	00-00	LAFFAH (USA) (8) J Gosden 93	RH
4	0.00	TEREYNA (15) R Johnson Houghlan 9 9	D Hote

i	00-00	BRIEFRY MEC (15) H Collingradge 8 5 Cruient 5
ŀ	00-00	FLYING CLOUDS (8) M Blanshand 85
,	0003-6	SAXON VICTORY (USA) (28) W Hogges 3 1
	5000-	MEADGATE'S DREAMER (830) 3 Paling 91T Sprake 18
1	000-00	ORLEANS (16) T Tale 7 12
0	00-0	RED BROOK LAD (26) S Dow 7 10

- 18 decisred -Mannum weight: 7st 10th, 110 cacased Mannum weight: 7st 10th, 110 hondicap weight: Red Brook Lad 7st 8th,
BETTING: 7-4 Eastwell Hall, 5-2 Court Shored, 7-1 Laffeb, 6-1 Samm Viters, 10-1 Tannum, 14-1 Exing Claude, 16-1 Sidny Mar. 36-1 others

	2.45	BEACON BITTER CLAIM! (CLASS F) £3,000 added :	NG STAKES 3YO 1m
1		ARM AND A LEG (33) C Dwyer & 12:	
2		SANDY SHORE (253) J Helberton 3 11	
3		HOW HIGH J Neville 3 3	
4	8	DUNE HILL (15) & C WHATS & 7	D Hottand 6
5		LADY SO BOLD (12) Mrs L Stebe 87	
9	000-05	LAWFUE CONTRACT (29) R Holinshead 9 8	A McCartoy (3) 4
7		PICULA BIERE N Belbage 89	
9	00-00	UTHER PENDRAGON (126) M Bradslock 9 8	
9		NOUVEAU CHEVAL (56) J Jenkins 35	
10		BIN FAA (17) Dr J Scargil 8 4.	
Ħ		MAS MIDDLE (21) M Calaphan 91	
2		MAGNI MOMENTI (12) J S Moore 7 13	
BE	TTING: 4	-1 Sandy Shore, 5-1 Mrz Middle, Dune J Fas, 8-1 Arm And A Log, 10-1 Lewful Cont	ilil, 7-1 Magal Mo- met, 12-1 others

Ľ	<u>3.15</u>	(CLASS C) £7,750 added 3YO 7f
1		RABI (246) (CD) Saled bin Surpor 3.5
2	16-6	DUCK ROW (USA) (24) J Toler 9 4
3	6-1	DIKTAT (40) (0) D Loder 38 D Hoffend 3
4	31451-	DIKTAT (40) (0) D Loder 36
		_4 declored _

BETTING: 5-4 Rubl. 2-1 Duck Row, 7-2 Dikist, 16-1 Stone Of Destin

| 3.45 | TIGER BEST BITTER HANDICAP | (CLASS E) £3,750 added 1m 2f | 6000 KINGS ASSEMBLY (11) (CD) J Smyth Octubro 653 R Perham 10 | 5000 BURLINDI (190) A Daird 48 7 | W Telshall 11 | 5005 MASSIAR SEVENTER (1804) (D) H Colorpido 43 6.1 Havilla (3) 15 | 5236 BULERELL MISS (22) (C) (D) A Streeter 43 6.8 Havilla (3) 16

,	22340	BITHERETT RESP (SS) (C) (D) V PROBEL 4-9-0"H USAND (D) 1
3	121-0	JANGLYNYVE (J11) (C D) Mrs M Jones 498 WR Swinburn
7	45/6-5	SCOTTISH BAMBE (122) (CD) P Webber 10 3 2 K Fellon
3	0600-0	FEEL NO FEAR (22) R Simpson 5 3 2
•	00-641	HAROLDON (4) (D) El Paling 9 3 0 (5ex)T Sprake
0	000000	WENTERFORE LAD (19) (D) Withistoure 33 13 A McCarthy (3) 1
	1-1200	BOLD FAITH (17) (D) W Musson 59 12
2	3152-	BAPSFORD (171) (D) M Waring 4 3 10
3	020-05	SANTA COURT (28) R Dickn 33 9 L Delion
4	080-	CAPE SIREN (216) M Ryan 4 87
5	320405	DOUBLE ECHO (25) (D) J Bethell 10 3 3
Б	002104	MAKHAL (49) D Murray Smith 536
7	060-0	ALLATON (18) Mrs P Sty 38 3 1
B	000-00	GLAMORGAN (15) M Pipe 3 8 1
8	D4-D08	LIGHTS OF HOME (11) Miss C Johnsey 4 9 1 G Carter
-		= 19 declared =

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BE Ma	TTING: (6-1 Haroldon, 7-1 Bold Falls, 8-1 Janglyrayee, 16-1 Banundi, eventuen, Scottleh Bambi, Double Echo, 12-1 others
[1.15	OLD ORIGINAL STAKES (CLASS C) 27,750 added 3YO 6
12	0-6402	CHRETAIN (8) N Calaghan 3 11 L Dettori 1 RUZEN (15) (C) (D) 8 Paling 8 11 T Sprains 2
3	010-0	CALIN (23) (D) M Tomplons 3 10
		-4 declared -

A I	A E	TIGER MEDIAN AUCT	ION MAJDEN
	+0	TIGER MEDIAN AUCT STAKES (CLASS F) £3,0	00 2YO 5f
	_	BARR BEACON T Mis 3 6	M Dokade 1
	5	BY THE GLASS (6) P Walnya 30	WIR Swinburn 0
	9	COLONEL SAM (22) J Glover 9 8	G Carter 9
	_	GOLD CRYSTAL W Jave 38	
	4	HEATHYARIOS JAKE (58) R Hollrehead S	
		LIGHT PINGERED M Tomplets 9 8	
		NOW IS THE HOUR (8) P Felgate 3 8	
	ñ	00 EE BE (18) M A Buckley 90	J Stack 11
	•	XSYNNA S C Williams 9 8	G Hard B
		BAYONET R Johnson Houghton 99	
		ENTORE! WHO I FOR THE OWNER OF WHEEL	
		CLOON CREE D Cosprove 9 9	L N#44X1 4
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Redcar

HYPERION

2.00 Midnight Display 2.30 One To Go 3.00 Pre-mium Rate 3.30 Kilcullen Lad 4.00 Last Lap 4.30 Reine Cerlse 5.00 Clytha Hill Lad

GOING: Good to Firm (Firm In places), STALLS: Streight - stands side; fin 6f - centre; rest- inside, DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

Laft-hand course, with a fin straight.

Course is off A1085 (egroposted from A66), Fledcar station 300 yd. ADMISSION: Cub S14; Topicreals 59; Course 53 (accompanied under 86 free all enclosures). CAR PARIC Free.

LEADING TRAINERS: Mirs M Remelay 32-281 (*14%), J Berry 15-27 (*18%), M Johnston 15-129 (*16%), J 1. Eyre 12-102 (*18%).

LEADING TOCKEYS: J Carroll 18-128 (*14%), G Carlet 6-70 (*12%), J Forthus EX-16 (*12%), L Charmott 2-186 (*12%).

② LEADING SUCRETES 2 CARTON IS 20 (AUS), I CHARD (228%), I Charmock 12-168 (71%). ● FAVOURITES: 207-571 (583%). 9 CLINICERED FIRST TIME: Blossom Dearte (230), Prodigat Son & Astribox (400), Midnight Display (visored, 200), LONGEST DISTANCE TRAVELLER: La Modiste (300) has been

2	00	EBF MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (E) £4,000 added 2YO fillies 6
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•	- FO	APPLES AND PEARS (8) M Templors 9 11 Dale Gibson
÷		BOLLIN ROBERTA T Easterby 3 111 Charmock 1
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S	05	CARRIE POOTER (22) T D Berron 9 11 Carroli
Ž.		ENWILLGEO P Hastern 3 11
5		FRANCE LAMBERT (TY) Eincles 8 11
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3		LITTLE MUFFKINS M Somersby 8 11 D Poers
7		MET ODY QUEEN For Thompson 3 11
3	49	MEDNIGHT DISPLAY (40) C Dwyer 3 ft
_	40	LEDWING TO COLUMN Down 0 41 S Malenda'
3		MEDITIGHT ORCHID J Berry 8 11S Matomy
10		MOTTARET B Robwel 9 11
77	9	PAPER FLIGHT (50) P Event 3 11 J. F Eggs 1
12		PHANTOM THEICEONINE (10) W Kemp 3 11 Fortune
		TAMPA LADY (25) M Johnston 3 11
13	200	THE TOTAL PROPERTY OF THE PARTY
14	60	TANCRED ARMS (10) D Barker 8 11 T Williams 1

= 14 declared = BETTRNC: 3-1 Midnight Orchid, 4-1 Midnight Display, 3-1 Paper Flight, 3-1 Cerrie Pooter, Tempa Ledy, 10-1 Bollin Roberts, Motherst, 12-1 Others

2.30 REDUAN AWAY LOS ON added 61 REDCAR AMATEURS MAIDEN HAN

25 declared — 25 declared — EETTING: 5-1 Forest Robin, 5-1 Martindale, 6-1 Mystical Rodge, 10-1 Hargiii Lady, Lakalend Pride, Beau Roberto, 12-1 Fayra, 16-1 others

3.00 EVENING GAZETTE LIMITED STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 71

13	3.30	TOTE SPRINT HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 added 5f
L	_	7 E10'00n saded 21
7	00-010	KIRA (3) (CD) J.L. Eyre 8 8 10 S Buckley (7) 15
2		LADY SHERIFF (221) (D) M W Easterby 798. S Firmarpore (7) 58
3		PRINCE DOME (16) (0) M Ware 435
4		GIPSY MOTH (282) (D) (RF) B Median 885 G Duffield 1:
5		SQUIRE CORRIE (11) (D) D Chapman 834 A Cultume :
8		TREASURE TOUCH (22) (0) D Nicholis 4 93 A Nicholis (7)
7	-00041	BENZDE (10) (D) Mrs J Remeden 392 Fortune
3	2040-0	KILCUILLEN LAD (16) (CD) K wory 432C Scally 3
9		NOBALINO (11) (D) Mrs N Mecaulty 4.3 13 D McKeonia 3 1
10	436-05	GRAND CHAPEAU (11) (C) (D) D Nicholis 3 33
11	10-50	VAX RAPIDE (28) (D) J Speering 3 9 3 F Egan 1:
12	1600-0	RIVER TERM (17) (C) (D) J M Bracky 537
13	3055-	SANDSIDE (250) (CD) (BF) J Borry 38 5
	her no	CHARDOLAN CARRY PICK MA T Evelyder, E 2 2 (Charport 1)

24 215G8 CUMBRIAN CADET (10) (D) T Existry 533...L Charnock 14
5 00000 MATEANIA (278) (D) 8 Bowing 8 6 1 Date Gibson 11 2
15 000008 SWYNFORD DIFFAMIA (9) (CD) J Helberton 57 11 ...N Cartinia 7
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BETTING: 5-1 Benzoe, 8-1 Grand Chapase, 13-2 Cumbrian Cadet, 9-1 Squire
Corde, 16-1 River Tern, Treenura Touch, 12-1 Nobalino, 16-1 othera

A OO SKELTON MAIDEN HANDICAP (CLASS

Ľ	1.UU	F) £3,000 added 3YO 1m 6f
ī	221465	LAST KNIGHT (7) (8F) M Charmon 87
2	000-0	CARADOC (55) S C Williams 97 Carro
3	050-04	PRODIGAL SON (22) R Williams 9 5
4		ASIMBOX (18) 3 Mechan 3 5
5	0045-0	ESPRESSO (26) J His 33
	800-00	STRATEGIC AIR (17) E Waymen 32
7	63-200	LAST LAP (7) T Englerby 9 8
9	060-	SWALLOW WARRIOR (169) T Elimington 98 A Colhan
3		DURGANS DELIGHT (17) B Murray 8 7G Parti
10	8-2022	RUBY BEAR (8) W Brisbourns 37. R Mothers
ñ	0-0300	WIEE CHRISTY (5) W McKnown 34
2	000-50	SPICE GIFL (19) P Evans 3 3

Minimum weight; 7st 10th, Your hundsop weight; Pryncipted 7st 8th. BETTIMG: 5-1 Prodigel Son, 11-2 Last Knight, 6-1 Asinbox; 7-1 Durgen Delight, 8-1 Ruby Best, 16-1 Expresso, Last Lép, 14-1 Others

4.30 KIRKLEATHAM RATING RELATED MAID EN STAKES (E) £3,750 1m 2f

BETTING: 11-4 Empire State, 7-2 King Prizes, Robin Late, 6-1 Da Bosa 13-2 Reige Cerise, 7-1 Coalminusdauchter 5.00 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (CLASS E)

1	QD44	MACHINE ME OUT MOST 1 MID INTO IN C INCREDENT OF
2	5650-0	FOXES TAIL (9) May B Half 4 9 11 Carroll 3
3		PINE RIDGE LAD (15) (C) J L Eyrs & 9 B
4	40-443	BARRESBO (17) C Festure 433
5	-64004	I CANT REMEMBER (9) P Siens 498 F Sgan 6
3		AMED THE STARS (20) D Barler 4 92T Williams
7		CLYTHA HILL LAD (8) (C) JM Bracky 79 8 Weaver 14
8		GENLINE JOHN (11) J Paries 58 10 Fortune 2
9		BRAMBLES WAY (15) (C) Mrs M Paveley 993 A Cultiane 9
Ð		UP IN FLAMES (20) (D BF) S.R. BOWING 787, C Teegus (3) 11
11		BLOWING AWAY (15) M Tompkins 437 Date Gloson 15
12		COTTAGE PRINCE (18) (C) J J Quim 8 8 G Duffield 1
13		SPANISH VERDICT (20) (C) D Smith 11 8 6 L Charnock!
14		KEEP BATTLING (11) J Goale 88 4
5		DANCING DESTRIY (15) A Bustimen 8 92. Deen McKeown 7
Ħ		THATCHED (18) (C) R Barr 9 81
_	00101	_ 16 declared _

BETTING: 9-2 Genuine John, 6-1 Pine Hidge Ltd, 6-1 Serreebo, Keep Batting, 16-1 Can't Remarket, Brankins Way, 12-1 others.

Hexham

HYPERION 6.30 Branch End 7.00 Alpine Panther 7.30 Ma Barnicle 8.00 Picard 8.30 I'm The Man 9.00 Kin-

GOING: Firm.

• Left-hend, undulating course. Furnin of 250yd.

• Course is 2m 3 of Hednem. Hednem station 2m. ADMISSION: Cub 29; Paddock 25 (OAPs 24). CAR PARK: Free.

• LEADING TRANSFER: L Lungo 22-90 (244%). G M Moore 20-81 (247%). M Hammond 11-95 (115%). P Beaumont 10-57 (175%).

• LEADING JOCKEYS: T Reed 12-89 (355%). 3 Storey 12-173 (85%). K Johnson 11-104 (105%). R Supple 8-90 (10%).

• FAVOURITES: 138-439 (383%).

• RINKERED FRIST TIME: Overhandy Man (700), Doctor Bravious Alexandr 2300.

6.30 NORTHUMBRIA ESTATES NH NOVICE HURDLE (E) £2,925 2m 4f 110yds

1 30054 BRANCH END S) J Charlion 8 11 8 B Storey
2 00 CAMDEN FELLOW (17) P Eccles 8 11 8 B Abern
3 000 SAYOMARA (15) N Charaberlain 5-11 8 Shylor (3)
4 000 STORMYROYALE (12) Mars. L Russel 9 10 3 Rydorman
— 4 declared — — 5 Sayoman

7.00 FEDERATION BREWERY NOV-ICE HURDLE (E) \$2,925 2m 7 2501 ALPRIE PAIDLE (E.) EZ. 925 201 Baddhald
7 2501 ALPRIE PAIDLE (E.) (D) New M Revely 5 72 2.8 M Resign (S)
64-455 DAMER'S CHOICE (13) P Eccis 8 11.0 M Abern
3 F3/5 MR MATCHT (659 Mes L Russel 8 11.8 R Johnson
4 02005 CYSHANDY MAN (S) J Glockon 7 11 8 R Story 5
5 042596 SPIDERS DELGRIT (11) T Curbbert 10 10 K Johnson
9 PU BETTYEROOK (17) J Goulding 7 10 9 R Sinylor (S)
7 465353 EASTERN PROJECT (6) M Hammond 4 10 3 R Gentity
7 declared BETTING: 1-2 Alpine Pertine; 9-2 Demien's Choice, 5-1 Eastern Project,
20-1 Spiders Delight, 25-1 Oceahandy Man, 33-1 others

7.30 LCL PILS AMATEURS NOVICE SKY

Minimum weight: 10st. True handicup weighte: Swenk Gibert 9st 5b, Petitie Bush 9st 1lb, Son O'l Tempo But 13b. BETTBIG: 7-4 Ook Ah Centons, 5-2 Quaesa Brigade, 8-1 Funloy, 7-1 Ma Barnicie, 5-1 Doctor Bravious, 14-1 Manbos, 25-1 offices

8.00 JIM RAMSHAW MAIDEN SKY

BUCHANAN SMOOTH HANDICAP 8.30 BUCHANAN SMOOTH HAND CHASE (F) £3,475 2m 4f 110yds 9.00 KEOGHANS HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS F) £3,000 added 3m 54-44U CROFTON LAKE (26) (CO) J Discon to 10 8 B Limito (7)
COSFF3 MEADOWEURN (3) W Reed 8 10 8 B Limito (7)
DPD5 NURS CONE (13) G M Moos 10 10 8 Limito (7)
Bigggra welche: Visa Trus handle (14) G M Moos 10 10 8 Limito (7)

— 8 declared —

- 9 declared —

Flat racing results

SANDOWN

2.05: 1. CONFIDANTE (W R Swrbum) 100-30 fax; 2. Bold Tine 5-1; 3. Song of Skye 15-2, 10 mm, 1%, 1%, (M Stocks, Newmer-led, Toke: £330; £180, £190, £240, DF; £860, CSF; £18.78 Tricest £104.25, Tric: £2560,

INDEP	ND.	ENT
RACING	SERV	ICES
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LIVE COMME	VITARIES	RESULIS
LECETER	971	962
SANDOWN (E)	973	983
HECHAM (E)	974	984
ALL COUR	SES RESU	11S 70

Tobe 22/0; F124, E2080, Sept. 10: 1. BOUSHO! (C. Louther) 10-1; 2. Locksage! 9-2; 3. Einstlim 4-5 fax 8 ran. 14, 11/4; (J. Berry, Cocksriem). Take: 25:00; 22:0; £150; £100. DF; £2470; CSF; £5050.

2220 EISO EIL DE LEGARDON TO SERVICIA SASE 1. FOR YOUR EYES ONLY (J. Wesser) 15-2; 2. Wind Venture 18-1; 3. Raheen 33-1 12 ren. 5-2 fav Labed, 3/h. 1. (T. Essierby, Malton) Tota: 2230; 2240; 2380, 2950. DF: 2450. CSP. 22085. Tricast

2950 DF: EMAG. CSP. 22085 Tocast: C348772 Tho: 550790.
4.15: 1. HASTY WORDS (M HBs) 9-4 fav. 2. Lady Georgia 3-1; 3. Facilitat in Late 15-1, 10 ran. 1½, 1½. G HBs, Lambourn. 16te: C330, 2150, C140, C290, DF: 2520, CSF. 2655, Trio: 22840.
4.45: 1. ASSET MANAGER (D Holland) 7-1; 2. Guiz Show 11-2; 3. Best Guest 17-2; 4. Desert Mirage 14-1, 16 fan. 4-1 fav. 17-18 (M Johnston, Middeham) Totas: 2920; C210, C190; C140, C360, DF: 25100, CSF. 23937, Tricast: 222598, Trio: 29710, S202; 1. TOUGH LEADER (R Hughes) D-520-1, TOUGH LEADER (R Hughes) D-5.20: 1. TOUGH LEADER (R Hughes) 10-

30 fav Absolute Utopia. 11/4, 31/4. (B Hanbury, Newmarket). Totac £12.10; £2.40, £2.40, £11.50; £360. DF: £210. CSF: £58.39 Tric-est; £1,684.59. Tric: £548.60; Jackpot: not won. Pool of \$25,16759 carried forward to Redear today.
Placepot: \$43,90, Conceput: \$23,00.
Place 6: \$128,51. Place 5: \$74,62.

CHEPSTOW 2.30: 1. SELK ST JOHN (J Reich 4-5 far; 2. Chilef Camhler 10-1: 3. Eurobox Boy 6-1.8 ran. 4, % (M Ryan). Bola: £150; £120, £250. 0F. £530. CSF: £279. 3.00: 1. EGT TO SOMEWHERE, W Hami) 4-5 far; 2. Memphis Duncer 14-1; 3. Ado-tation 9-4. 11 ran. 2/4, % (H Cacd). Rota: £160; £10, £200, £120. DF: £120. CSF: £161; Tho: £550. 3.30: 1. CASINO CAPTIVE (J Reich) 8-1 162: 2. Walses 5-2; 3. King of Montemer 33-3.30: 1, CASINO CAPTIVE () Reich 8-11 fatt, 2. Wheles 5-2; 3. King of Monumer 33-16 ren. 1%, 1%. (P. Chapple-Heard, Tober 170; 5:50, 5:50 DF; 52:00 CSP; 52:68.
4.05: 1, PHANTOM WATERS (C Ruber) 5-1; 2. Venetien Scene 75-2; 3. Happy Go Lucky 5-16 ren. 11-4 fav Steleteeno. 2%, 2 (R. Johrson Houghton). Tober 2:00; 5:40, 5:20; 5:19, DF; 5:690 CSF; 5:150. Those 1935-3. After a shawards incury, result unstituded.

4.35: 1. CABLE MEDIA BOY (T Cuint) 5-2; 2. Crebild 7-2; 3. Lady Pepphat 7-4 fm 6 par. ½, rk. (S Kettlewell, Tota: £350; £180, £280; . DF £550 CSF £136. Wirner tied, 228), DF SEAR CSF FINS WINE bought in for 4,200 guineas. 5.08: 1. HAMBOLD (N Adems) 12-1; 2. High in Love 10-1; 3. Theier Oemaston 7-2 fax 13 ma. 2½, ha. (N Berry) Tobe 12320; 9450, 5300, 1200. DF 5/8500. CSF 5/8569. Transf: 5/86955. Tire: 7/8040. NF. Alemode. Place 6: CSF44. Blench 8: CSF64. Place 6: CSF44. Blench 8: CSF64. Placepot: £5850, Quadpot: £3180. Place 6: £2814, Place 5: £1869.

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2.20: 1, GOLDEN POUND (P Submon)

10-1; 2. Octoor 13-2; 3. Runn Lad 6-1, 10 ran. 7-2 to: Ahvays On My Mird. 14, 174. (Mass Gay Kalesany, Table: 15-50; 6230 2230, 2250 05-23890, CSP: 05241 Tricast: 539158. Trics 2.55: 1, RIVAL BID (D Sweeney) 16-1; 2. Pleasers To Brighton 25-1; 3. Diamon Crown 14-1; 4. Beau Cyrano 20-1, 18 res 3-1 tov Zehran, shi hd, 1%, (Mrs. N. Macauley 3-1 tor Zishain, shi hid, 1%, Mrs N Macaulay). Note: 53000; 5830, 5730, 5320, 5980, 05-528170, CSF: 53815. Treast: 5520888. NR: Formersians Tito: not won. 3.25: 1, WELCOME HEIGHTS (T Sprinke) 8-1; 2. Zishiri 11-2 tay; 3. Falts: W-1, 12 ran.

REDCAR 2.15: 1. RED LION (Dean McKeown) 10-1: 2. Rose's Treasure 4-1; 3. Lady Leuren 4-1 9 mm. 5-2 tev Red Charger (5th). hd. ½. (JW Payne). Tota: 51400; 5270, 5150, 5160. DP: 55060. CSP: 54557. Trio: 53740.

CSF. E33-Fi.
3.20: 1. WINSOME GEORGE (N. Kernedy) 7-4. Jr. fav.; 2. Farmary Night 7-4. Jr. fav.; 2. Latin Bay 10-1.9 ran. 2. 1½. (C. Farmary) Totac 23-6, 7:10, 213-6, 22-5. Dr. 22-0. CSF: 2400. Troast: £18-5. Tric: £2-0. 3.55: 1. SHADOOF (Martin Dwyer) 8-1; 2. Mowedge 9-2; 3. Capitain Scott 3-1 fav. 8 ran. 1½. 2½. (W. Mari) Totac 23:0; 7:90, 2140, £160. DF £15-7. CSF: 50-0.5. Tricast: £12:12.
4.25: 1. TATTINGER (J. Fortune) 8-13 fav.

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4.22: 1. TATTINGER (J Fortune) 8-13 fav;
2. Typhoon Ginger 20-1; 3. Rich Cholce
11-2: 10 ran. 'h, 3'h, (J Fanshave). Tota:
5:50; \$1:0. \$250; \$170. 0F \$2800; \$SF:
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0uffield) \$3-2; 2. Highfield Fizz 9-1; 3. Paradise Navy 7-2. 10 ran. 3-1 fav Classical
Dance. 3, 'h, (R Feiney). Tota: \$540; \$180,
\$2270; \$170. DF; \$2850. CSF; \$2518. Treast:
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1967. La Mockes 4 9 3 K Falon 3-1 for (Mass & Nationary) carest (in) be trained as the falor of the Naughton's stable has now gone 52 names without a winner, a statistic hard to get away from even if the yeard's Song O' Skye ran an excellent third at this track yeards. Otherwise his Hever Golf Gory has solid credentials in this claimer. He ran in a decent event over this distance at Goodwood a week ago and finished a respectable 3th of 12, only 5 lengths behind the winner Chine Red (handloap, good for firm). SHARP 3th of 12, only 5 lengths behind the winner Chine Red (handloap, good to firm). SHARP 3th Fibrard Hannon is certainly been getting amongst the winners of late and this but. Richard Hannon is certainly been getting amongst the winners of late and this but. In this pace and represents a stable always to be noted in this type of contest. Last time out, only four days, ago Alax Gestvests mount tracked the leaders before stabling to gain a clear run over 2 out and over 1 out, was switched and finished strongling to gain a clear run over 2 out and over 1 out, was switched and finished strongling to gain a clear run over 2 out and over 1 out, was switched and finished strongling to gain a clear run over 2 out and over 1 out, was switched and finished strongling to gain a clear run over 2 out and over 1 out, was switched and finished strongling to gain a clear run over 2 out and over 1 out, was switched and finished strongling to gain a clear run over 2 out and over 1 out, was switched and finished strongling to gain a clear run over 2 out and over 1 out, was switched and finished strongling to gain a clear run over 2 out and over 1 out, was switched and finished strongling to gain a clear run over 2 out and over 1 out, was switched and finished strongling to gain a clear run over 2 out and over 1 out, was switched and finished strongling to gain a clear run over 2 out and over 1 out, was switched and finished strongling to the 2 out and 1 out 1 out

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BETTING: 7-4 Massenados, 9-2 Gold Mist, 5-1 Grainson, 7-1 in The Sun, 5-1 Generosity, 16-1 Stargeress, Macca Luns, 12-1 Classic Impact
1997: Protocol 9-3 R Hille 19-2 (J Hille) drawn (1) 8 ran
FORMI GUIDIE
Grainmand made headway 2f out, ran on to be 4th of 10, 3 lengths behind Chrysotine at Lingfield (in 11 heap, good) earlier this month. In the same race, Shanganzar made late hasdway inside fined funding, having not been given a hard time, to be 7th of 10, 4½ lengths behind Chrysotite. Enthusiem for the form of that contact is tempered by the fact that Chrysotite Enthusiem for the form of that contact is tempered by over this longer trip. This looks best left, though, to GOLD MiST. Frankle Dettorts mount tracked leaders, led well over 2 out, stayad on strongly, to win at Redear firm 21 good) beating El Ghaszpe by 13 lengths, 5 ran, Generoesity has not been out this season but on his final run last year intelled 3th of 29, it lengths behind Denby entry The Glow-Worm at Newmarket (Int hosp, good to 5rd). Massenades was always going well led over 21 out, easily, won at Windsor (Im 41 hosp, good to 9rm) beating high fension by 1½ lengths, 13 ran. This will be tougher but Seb Sanders' mount must be teared along with In The Sum, a fay Buely to be sharper following an outing at Kempron three weeks ago when a never nearer 6th of 12, 3 lengths behind King Durus (Im 11 hosp, good).

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7	.15	NATIONAL STAKES (Listed) (CLASS A) £13,500 added 2YO 5f Penalty Value £9,217	SKY
1:		SPESDY JAMES (40) (D) (Luceyen Stud) J Berry 9 3	D Peeber
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9	- 1	MONKSTON POINT (26) (D) (D C Broomlek) D Arbeitmot 6 12	MINE STORES
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2 3	5	AMAZING DREAM (11) (Mr & Mrs P Jubert) R Hannon 67	a const
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13	21	LITTLE MOVIE STAR (15) (D) (Roldvale Ltd) 3 Mechan 97	_ I CAME!
17	29	LUNAR PROSPECTOR (14) (Bernard Helseway) C Dwyer 97	al Fired
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BETTING: 11-18 Speedy Jenses, 9-4 Birt Aliayi, 7-1 Amazing Dreem, 14-1 Monkston Point, Liktie Movie Star, Lunar Prospector, 16-1 Ivory's Promise
1997: Pool Music 8 1 R Hughes 9-1 (R Hannon) drawn (S) 8 ran
FORM GUIDE
Jack Berry has a high opinion of SPEEDY JAMIES who, when last on 8 racecourse, in
April, reade at the running, quickening claer entering final furlong, to with impressively
at Newmarket (5t, sort) bearing Strike A Blow by 8 lengths, 5 ran. Borry says this colt
is an "seceptional athlete" and in a recent Sporting Lite Weekender interview commented: "This horse is all man and he has 3 gergeous temperament. Every moming
when I awake, he's the first thing on my mind and he's also the last — he's so exciting."
If Berry is right, the rest of this field is competing for place money only, Monkstotan Point,
won at Bath (SI mich aucz, soft) in April beating Patriot by "Ir length, "3 ran. Amazing
Dreem, better for race, Siti of 7, B lengths behind Golden Sitca at Newbury (St, good
to firmt. Start Allaw 2nd of 8, neck behind Ploolang at York (5t, god).

7.45 BRIGADIER GERARD STAKES (GROUP 3)

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Gunde will am only if there has been significent rain states traiour
BETTING: 11-4 One So Wooderlad, 9-2 losedable, 5-1 Fabrie, Germano, 7-1 Kinglis
1 Handsome Ridge, 12-1 Gernde, Ivan Lule, 18-1 Rhyadles, 33-1 Running Stag
1997: Boere Sham (USA) 4-3 8 K Palon 1-5 fav 91 Cecil drawn (f) 8 ran FORM GUIDE

tegr: Boars Sham (USA) 4.3.6 K Pallon 1-5 aw (th Caci) grawn (t) a ran FOPRM GUIDE:

Idingflether Milli is a class act but would probably be better served by rain and at least 12 furlongs. He looked to need his initial outing this essaon, when 4th of 8, 7 lengths behind Bornenov at Newmarker (th 45, good to soft). Patris had solid form in high class company last season and it will interesting to see how his four-year-old career develops. He is unlikely to be as fit as GERMANO. Gooff Wraggts five-year-old made all the running to win of Sandown (the 2, soft) in April 10 best Garmano looks up to the task. Handboans Ridge had his pipe-opener when 3rd of 8, 3 lengths behind Amushtarak at Sandown (trn. soft) in April. The John Gooden yard has yet to hit its saride this assesson, however. One 50 Wonderful is unbeaten in her lest three runs and has the potential to go to the very top. Having said that, the fact that she has not been out since winning of Newmarket (trn. 21, good to firm) in October makes if difficult to saide with her this effermon, insatisable was hard ridden to lead towards finish, won at Newmarket (trn. 21, good) beating Musalsal by a head, Ivan Luta was 3rd of 7, 4 lengths behind Polar Prince at Capannelle (trn. 21, good) leat time out. Riyadian certainly has the ability to take the prize but, like Kingfleter Kill, seems to produce his best form an a softer surface. At Chester 3 days ago, Riyadian was 6 disappointing 5th of 6, 12 lengths behind Stretarez at Chestor (trn. 51, good to firm).

Selection: GERMANO

14	145	EFFINGHAM HANDICAP (CLASS D) 25,000	SKY
Ľ	3. 13	EFFINGHAM HANDICAP (CLASS D) 25,000 added 1m 6f Penalty Value £3,550	SKY
1	3-1150	STEAMROLLER STANLY (ES) (R M Cyzer) C Cyzer 5 9 12	
2	283-2	MOON COLONY (23) (D) (Mrs Borts Lazarus) Lady Herries 5 9 10	Paul Eddary
3	204-28	HIGHLY PRIZED (10) (Mrs Marygold Cikely) J King 4 9 10	Pet Eddary
4	60234-	YAK ALFARAJ (JBO) (BF) (Mise J College) P Murphy 4 9 3	_S Drowns
5		VERONICA FRANCO (12) (CD) (J J Whelen) P Hedger 537	
3		PLEASURELAND (JSS) (Mrs. Sylvas E M McGarvie) R Curio 538	
7	245242	ZERMATT (10) (Mrs. M P Peerson) M Usher 9 84	N Roberts
3	1000-0	ILLUMINATE (12) (J.9 Court) D. O'Bren 533	G Carter
3		RHEIN LADY (18) (The Cinder Syndicale) R Rows 490	
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Bloom Colony ran on one pace, 2nd of 8, 2th lengths behind Thomby Park at Sallabury (Im 6f hosp, good to soft) last time and halls from a stable that does well write stayers. Highly Prized lept on at the same pace, 3nd of 8, 1 langth behind Woody's Soy at Newmerket (Im 6f hosp, good to firm; 10 days ago and looks primed for this event. The vote though goes to VERONICA FRANCO, who is a course and distance winner, More recently, Richard Quinn's mount made good headway over 11 out, but inside fines furtings, rat on well to win at Salisbury (Im 4f hosp, firm) beating Male-Anal-Mou by 1th lengths, 15 ran.

Selection: VERONICA FRANCO

Q	45	BOOKHAM MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added
	.73	BOOKHAM MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 1m 2f Penalty Value £3,696
,		LIVIUS (323) (Ms L Killeather) D. Chappell 49 1)
2		ROBELLITA (J22) (Angels Riving Syndicate) C Morlock 4 9 11
3	5	SLESIA (24) (G Piper) R Simpson 43 11
4		STORM COMBIAND (22) (H Porsonby) D Arbuthnot 4 9 11
5		THE GRADUATE (Mas L Robertson) J Toler 4 9 11
9	0400-0	AIGLE D'ELYPEA (FR) (22) (A.J. Richards) K. Qurningham-Brown 4 33 A Clark 12
7		REGAL ACADEMY (12) (Mrs 3 Summer) C Horgan 49 6
3		SHONA (USA) (12) (Stonethern Stud Farms) R Hannon 4 9 6
3		DANCING PHANTOM (21) (BP) (Field Selmen) M Slouts 3 8 11 W R Seliabura 18
10		DEDIFON (41) (K Abdulah) H Geci 3 3 11
11		EDWARDIAN (223) (K Abdulish) Mrs A Penett 3 3 11
2		GENETIC (10) (R P & M Berow) P Wateryn 63 11
13		MUNGO DUFF (J Jay & Mrs P W Harris) P Harris 8 8 Tr
14	4-2	SEA WAVE (24) [Godding Seed by Surer 3.3 11 L Deboit 17
15		STORM CAT (A Ezen) K McAulife 88 11 W J O'Cormor 8
5		ZAHA (7) (Hamdan Al Makicum) R Armstrong 3 9 11
7		MIGHTY MAGIC (12) (R.J. Tory) D Elevorth \$3.3
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- 17 declared -BETTING: 3-1 Dencing Phenton, 7-2 Dicitice, 5-1 Edwardien, 6-1 Shoos, 10-1 Livius, 14-1 SBe-sle, Gemetic, Zaka, 16-1 others. 1997: Bold Demand 3 3 11 L Dettori 2-1 (3 bin Surcer) drawn (f) 18 can FORM GUIDE

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Livius represents a yard that can produce winners who tack a recent run. 9 is, however, the best part of it months since Livius was 2nd of 1, 1 length behind Meneor Surius at Bath (in 2). Sibests was 5th of 1, 8 lengths behind institution at the month. The performance of insetable in the 745 race could boost that form. Shores finished 4th of 9, 9 lengths behind Sharers at Salestury (in 2), firm), DANCING PHANTOM looks to be the star act in this event, Welter Swinburn's mount made headway 31 out, indden to lead final furions, soon beeded and outpaced, 2nd of 10, 2 lengths behind Casino Captive at Cheeser (in 2), good) and that winner won again at Chepstow yeaterday, Didlion, represents the powerful Cecil/Fellon pertnership and can be expected to progress from a 7th of 18, 7 lengths behind The Sand-By, at Newmarket (in, st) in April. Edwardian was just caught, 2nd of 12, finishing a short-head behind Corniche at Nottingham (in, soft) in October. See Were weakened final 21, 2nd of 6, 8 lengths behind Capri at Newmarket (in, 41, good to soft).

Selection: DANCING PHANTOM

By Andy Farrell at Wentworth

ONE DAY, if Colin Montgomerie is ever in the position to win a major championship by making a hrave four at the closing hole, he can reflect that he has managed the feat before under just as much pressure.

Twice Montgomerie has recorded his par at the fiendishly difficult final hole at Valderrama wheo he could not afford a mistake. One occasion was in 1995 when he held off Sam Torrance to win the Order of Merit. The other was last September and meant the little matter of Europe winning the Ryder Cup.

The Scot did it again yesterday at Wentworth to win the Volvo PGA Championship for the first time. The £200,000 first prize not only shot the five-times No I back up the money list but emphasised the importance of the event as the flagship tournament of the European Tour. Befurehand Montgomerie indicated that this was the sixth biggest event he plays in, behind the four majors and the US Players' Championship.

This stands me in good stead," Montgomerie said. "I know I can do it when it matters. The Ryder Cup obviously helped me. When it really matters. I don't seem to suffer from nerves, I just get the ball

Montgomerie came to the famous 18th at the end of a dramatic afternoon needing a hirdie four to break out of a tie with three other players, including his arch rival Ernie Els, who were already in the clubhouse at 13 under. "I didn't fancy myself in a play-off," Monty said. His record confirmed the and down from 105 yards. His fact; one win and four losses in

In the Ryder Cup at Valderrama his tee shot against Scott



Flower power: Colin Montgomerie hits his tee-shot at the fourth on his way to victory in the Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth yesterday

shot of 1997, but his three-wood here faded into the right rough. Blocked out by the trees at the corner of the dogleg, Mootfairway and theo had to get up wedge finished pin high, eight feet to the right.

At the previous hole, the 34year-old Scot was required to Hoch was one of the few to find hole a similar length putt for a Dean Robertson, and Els.

the fairway, and was voted the par and again the ball disappeared below ground. "I pushed it a hair to the right but it went in," Montgomerie said.

Before the round be had said gomerie had to pitch onto the he required a 68 to win. In fact that would have given a shot to spare. However, his closing 69 was enough to squeeze home in front of the Swede Patrik Sjoland, who closed with a second successive 66, Gary Orr,

foot eagle putt at the last, but it just missed and he had to settle for a 68. Mootgomerie is Let's hope it's the same in a couslowly crawling back the gap in their head-to-head battles, but Els still holds the upper hand with two US Opens. "Good playing, Colin," Els said at the prizegiving, "but I think I'm still

one op oo you." about today," Montgomerie

The South African had a 15- replied, "is seeing Ernie Els sit- ve ended in the trees at the 16th ting there in the runners-up spot. That's usually where I am. ple of weeks' time at the US

But while Els was always lurking, Robertson took the lead with birdies at the 12th and 13th. Montgomerie had to match those just to keep in "The most pleasing thing touch and Robertson only departed the scene when his dri-

costing a double-bogey.

"I played with a young man who I now have a lot of respect for," Montgomerie said, "but as I said earlier in the week, Ernie is the best player in the world and if you finish in front WORLD AND IT YOU INSUIT IN COLUMN YOU PGA CHAMPIONSHIP (Wentworth) Leading final acores (CB or it unless stated): 274 C Montgomerie 70 70 ES 65; 275 P Sicient (Swe) 72 71 66 68; E Em (SA) 66 68 68; G Orr 70 68 68 65; 276 P Lonard (Aus) 72 85 71 68; A Coltart 72 86 70 68; T Ejorn (Den), 70 69 69 68; M HalfPhotograph: David Ashdown

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Cricket scoreboard

Rugby Union

SCOTLAND face a hot start to their eight-match tour of Fin and Australia. The squad experienced temperatures in the high 80s in Suva as they made their final preparations for the Test against Fiji today.

The Scotland captain, Rob Wainwright, tried to take the heat our of the situation with some sound medical advice. "I was here in 1989 with a universities side. Then as now it is a case of keeping up the water intake," he said. "You have to . keep drinking during the game and conserve as much energy as possible."

Wainwright will lead a Test side that contains three new caps, two of them - Gordoo Mcliwham and Matthew Proudfoot - in the froot row, "I will be advising the two new props first and foremost to concentrate on their basic tasks. The most important thing for them is to get the setpiece work right. Anything above that is a bonus. They are in the side to ensure that we win scrum and line-out ball."

The coach, Jim Telfer, appreciates thar playing Fiji in the opening match of the tour is a high-risk strategy - but he is convinced that opening the trip with a hard match can do nothing hut good for the Scotland squad. "We want to hit Australia running with one game under our helt. We plan to be battle hardeoed for the New South Wales game a week on Satur-

day," he said.
"It is important to test yourselves against the very best in the world. We know that Fiji are a quality side. They are after all Pan Pacific champions and are going for a place in the World Cup finals.

Australia's coach, Rod Macqueen, yesterday reported a full-strength squad for his side's opening international of the season against England in Brisbane next month.

Two recovering Wallabies. David Wilson and Joe Roff, will ease their way into training when the Australian team goes into camp north of Brisbane today. The winger Roff, flanker Wilson and the Australian captain and secood row, John Eales, all missed the final round ago - but Macqueen said all his squad are fit for the June 6 in-

ternational. Taine Randell has been named as the captain of a shadow Test side for next month's New Zealand trials - sending out a strong message that he will take over leadership of the All Blacks from Sean Fitzpatrick.

The trials will pit the New Zealand Barbarians against a New Zealand A side on 8 June.

Randell, 23, has been a team leader for most of his playing career. He has captained the New Zealand Maoris and the midweek All Blacks oo the South African tour in 1996.

Justin Marshall, who was Test captain in Britain last year: in the absence of Fitzpatrick, is still recovering from a serious ankle injury.

UTTOXETER

Arrows fire Hill's torment

Motor racing

By Derick Allsop

YOU could almost feel the knife twisting as Tom Walkinteam's performance here.

result for the entire team," the Jordan. Arrows owner enthused. "I'm especially proud of our two drivers, who have shown great know we have to work hard to tenacity in delivering these results.

Mika Salo's fourth place, supported by Pedro Dioiz's £4.5m a year and, as he reitersixth, in the Monaco Grand Prix, ated here, he never had any genfulfilled potential demonstrat- uine prospect of signing for the ed throughout the weekend, and will have done nothing to ease the torment of Damoo Hill.

The former champion left Arrows for Jordan at the end of dan, the team owner, took it last season believing he had opted for a more realistic route aggressive stance. back to title contention.

judgement was misplaced and enough," he said. "Things have here his words reopened the to be done. I'm not looking for

Jordan, without a point this I'm not ashamed of that. season, were desperately off the

ished eighth, courtesy of the street circuit's familiar attri-Mika Hakkinen, by more than

Hill conceded the team's

"I knew what I was letting myself in for," he said. "We improve things."

Cynics might suggest he can afford to be philosophical oo champions elect, McLaren.

Even so Jordan will appreciate the public support from their senior driver. Eddie Jorupon himself to adupt a more

'We seem to have gooe Walkinshaw told him his back, and this iso't good mercy. It will be very painful and "You can bet I'm kicking

quick fix to this. Time will cure tion, but trailed the race winner, the problem but time is of the essence in Formula One and you don't get given time."

That message will doubtshaw gave the verdict on his performance had "not been less be repeated to his techniare wondering whether Jordan good enough" yet maintained cal director, Gary Anderson, is prepared to see it out. There car have not made a difference, so now we have to take a more radical approach," Jordan said. "Gary and I have faith in each other and have to solve it together."

Jordan expressed his anxiety about Hill's form in the early races but now has oo complaints about the contribution of the Englishman or his other driver, Ralph Schumacher.

"I have had serious talks with the drivers but they have done a particularly good joh in difficult circumstances. Damoo had a difficult start with us but I've beeo really impressed with his motivation, having been a world champion."

Jordan and Hill have an option to continue their association next year and Jordan said he was confident they would be stronger."

pace in the principality. Hill fin-bums here. I fight best when my staying together. "Damon has back is to the wall. There is no given me reason to believe he is massively supportive," he said. "I am sure it will be turned around here and I think Damon will want to see it out."

Many inside Formula Ooe ve done to the are rumours of a possible sell out and the name of Honda intent oo returning to Formula One in two years and the pareot company of his engine partner Mugen - has inevitably heen mentioned.

However, Jordan are said to prefer an independent operation, and Jordan cootends he is not ready to put his feet up. But he did opeo the door to partners interested in joining forces with him.

"I could sell out but I'm still amhitious and have a lot to achieve. Fve done nothing yet. I know that.

"But if there is the opportunity of a technical partner having a piece of Jordan that would not be selling out. That would make business sense to make the team hecome

Menu angered by tactics of his rivals

Touring cars

By Nick Phillips at Oulton Park

RICKARD RYDELL cemented his lead in the Auto Trader Championship with two second places at Oulton Park as the defending champion, Alain Menu, was twice involved in incidents with the Peugeot driver Paul Radisich and missed out on a double victory.

Meou did win the shorter sprint race, but the second of his run-ins with Radisich lost him the lead of the feature race to team-mate Jason Plato, who became the sixth BTCC winner in this season's first 10 rounds.

"With two second places and Menu only winning one race, I'm really pleased," said Rydell at the end of the day. His mood was a sharp contrast to Menu's: "It's a shame, because I should have had I don't know how many more points than Rydell. It's not good at all," he complained.

Menu's round nine win was straightforward as he led all the way from pole position. The only change in the top positions came when James Thompson's Hooda dropped out of fourth place with a hlown engine. Rydell was second, Nissan's David Leslie third and Plato fourth.

Round 10 was altogether more exciting. Anthony Reid was on pole position and he took his Nissan straight into the lead, chased by Menu, Leslie, Plato, Thompson and Rydell.

The big shake-up came with the compulsory pit stops. Both Nissans lost out, dropping behind Rydell, who had aircady passed Thompson

The real drama came when Menu, who was leading those who had stopped came up be-FONTWELL
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Moore): Rose: E300; E120, E280; E400; D-1:
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Total: £1620; E320; E180; £480; £97; E3756
CSF: £5149 'Integr: £596,64. NR: Royel CrC46. hind Radisich. The Peugeot driver was intent oo bagging a point for leading the race before making his stop and blocked Menu. They tnuched, Radisich was pushed wide and Menu almost lost his place to Plato. 3.00: 1.TOTALLY YOURS (C Maude) 6-1;

2.00: 1. TOTALLY YOURS (C Maude) 6-1: 2. Game Diamans 9-2; 2. Doctoor 2-1: 9 mm. 5-8 tav Secret Service 18th) 6. nd, M. Pipel 7-8: 18th Secret Service 18th) 6. nd, M. Pipel 7-8: 18th Secret Service 18th) 6. nd, M. Pipel 7-8: 18th Service 1 Five laps later Menu again came up behind Radisich. This time Menu slid wide and Plato and Rydell went past.

Menu recovered in third place, hut later lost that to Reid in another move involving body damage. "Radisich was completely out of order, and Reid too," raged Menu, His rivals begged to differ.

England undone by defensive frailties

Hockey

FC Utrecht stadium yesterday. Not even two goals from Purdey Miller could save England's hlushes and oow only a win against New Zealand tomorrow in their last game can save them from having to play off for the 9th/12th places.

England started in style with their attacking formation, taking the lead in the seventh minute. a free hit from the edge of the circle by Kirsty Bowden being deflected goalward by Miller.

The fast-moving South Koreans quickly bounced back with Myung Ok Kim running 30 yards without a tackle for a free shot in the 15th minute.

England again paid the penalty for leaving the Koreans unmarked as Eun Young Lee put them ahead in the 29th minute. England now moved Karen

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Brown into the midfield and had their best period of the game. However with Brown re-

verting to the back row after the interval England were again ENGLAND'S disappointing under the cosh from the skilful form continued in the Women's Koreans who weot further World Cup when they went ahead seven minutes into the down 3-2 to South Korea in the half, Seong Eun Kim providing the cross for Hyun Jung Woo. Seventeen minutes into the

half England won only their second penalty corner of the game. Jane Smith's first shot was saved by the goalkeeper, the ball falling to Lucilla Wright whose shot was deflected into the net by Miller. Brown moved forward again for the equaliser but the South Korean defence held fast,

England's captain, Kirsty Bowden, said after the game: We let them play and we made

th hard for ourselves."

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Merit win far from plain sailing

KEVIN SHOEBRIDGE took the helm for the last few miles of the last leg and through the finish line to give us our second Voivo leg trophy and push us up to second overall. This was partly because the watch leaders nurmally do most of the helming anyway, partly because he is very good at it. Also because I was too nervous to steer. He was doing a far better job than I would have done because my beart was io my mouth and, with boats coming up behind you, I would have been looking all around me all

When you have a tight finish like that and Paul Cayard had been tracking us all morning in EF Language, you wish you could enjoy the moment. But you can't actually stop to enjoy it and it wasn't until we were in the last few hundred yards up the River Itchen and the finish line at Ocean Village, Southampton, that we knew we couldn't be beaten.

I think, coming in to that last leg. if someone had said though Cayard refused to go even more difficult. My next reward.



Merit Cup, faces a difficult future after a fairy-tale ending to the Whitbread Race "we can give you third now or away. No Swedish Match, who

Grant Dalton, skipper of

you can roll the dice," then I know I would have taken third. On the way out to the start at La Rochelle we said to each other that the perfect scenario would be for us to win and Swedish Match, at that time second overall, to come fifth. For that to happen nature would have to play a part and we had to look after Chessie Racing, breathing down our necks just 10 points, one place

no that leg, behind. But Chessie dialled themselves out on Saturday afternoon, so we could really hammer for the win and in the smooth water and light conditions that we had in the English Channel Merit Cup is a bullet.

played their part in fifth to give us a fairy-tale ending.

This has been a patchy Whitbread for us, we have been too inconsisteot, while Cayard has been a cut above everybody. But what a difference a

day makes. We have not only come home with our lives, we dragged secood overall out of the fire in a pretty big way. To be second in this fleet is, in some ways, a higher achievement than winning the maxi division last time. This a totally different race, between the best offshore professionals in the world, not just the best

round the world yachtsmen. And the next one, the Vol-We were quicker than anybody, vo Ocean Race, in 2001, will be They fully deserved their

target is The Race, noo-stop round the world in no holds barred multibulls starting December 31, 2000. I shall be racing on a catamaran called Fujicolor at La Trinité in France next September. I have yet to make up my

mind about the Volvo. The Race will not take over from Volvo, but by then I will be nearly 44. Four years ago I could have told you I was doing the oext Whitbread, the same four years before that. But it hasn't been so enjoyable this time because it has been so bloody hard. I would need to do some serious physical preparation for another, perhaps a year of concentrated fitness programmes.

I have enjoyed sharing the ups and downs with you in The Independent, but the final word should be about a crew that has worked so hard. They were really wound up about this last leg, all motivated, all focused on the same result.

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Irani's new maturity is decisive

Cricket

By Henry Blofeld at Chelmsford

Lancashire 188-8; Essex 190-7 Essex win by three wickets

IT BEGINS to look as if any day of the week is liable to attract the attention of the Axa League. In the space of eight days the competition has takeo ooe from Lord's oo Sunday, to Worcester oo Tuesday and now, oo Mooday, to Chelmsford where the weather was good, the crowd excellent and the cricket well up to standard for these occasions.

The ball darted about off the seam and the pitch had some pace which accounts for the relatively modest scoring. The match-winning innings of 95 not out was played by Ronnie Irani, a former Lancashire player himself, who came in when Essex were 31 for 3 in the 10th over.

With Paul Graysoo. be gave the innings a oew base before using his long reach to produce a series of pulverising drives,

most of which went straight down the ground. It was a more responsible innings than many one has seen him play.

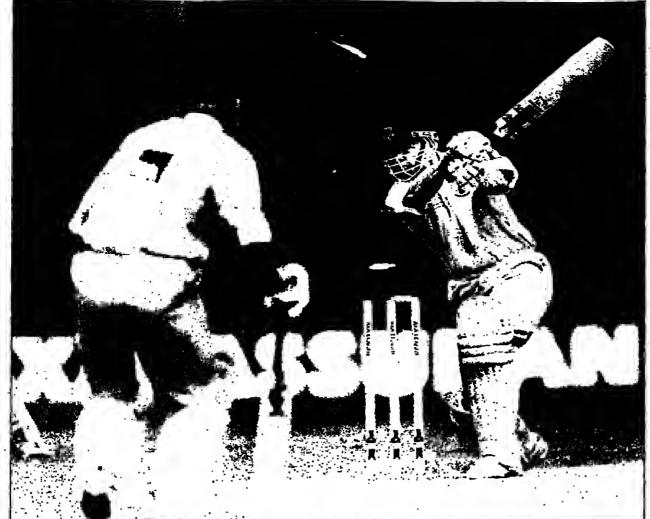
Irani lost Grayson at 82 wheo he was bowled coming down the pitch to drive. Danny Law theo made a useful contribution before slicing a drive to backward point.

Irani who had earlier takeo four wickets for the first time in this competition, never lost his head. His 50 came from 58 balls with four fours and he celchrated by straight driving Gary Yates out of the ground for six.

Two more wickets fell while the last 17 runs were scored but Irani was always in cootrol and finished things with a lovely skimming straight drive off Glenn Chapple.

Earlier, the Laocashire iooings had revolved around Mike Atherton, who was at his too slow for a 40-over match. Otherwise, John Crawley and Neil Fairbrother both struck the ball well for a time.

Irani, whose bowling bas, ac- mature cricketer.



Derbyshire's Kevin Dean clean bowls Keith Greenfield of Sussex at Horsham yesterday

greatly improved, showed excellent cootrol aod, on this curious Suoday oo a Mooday occasion, he looked a more

escape ended at Stillington with

only 13 miles to go. But Clay still

had ecough in his legs to win a

special sprint prize of £1,000 at

Sutton on the Forest as the lead-

and world track champion, was

easily the fastest sprinter in the

group, and won the stage after

O'Grady, a former Olympic

ers neared York.

most composed even if a trifle cording to the Essex-minded, • England's winter planning Africans are struggling to host yesterday. "We are still in ochas been hit by problems over the tour. A second option, to go a proposed A team tour. A trip to the West Indies, is also provto South Africa was planned for ing difficult to arrange. Bob can't organise a worthwhile the autumn but England have Bennett, the chairman of the tour, there would be little point heen told that the South England committee, said mit."

gotiations, but there may not be an A tour this winter. And, if we

Brown forced to call on his reserves

Football

By Phil Shaw in New York

THE unpleasant after effects of a rogue prawn sandwich continue to plague Scotland's top scorer in the World Cup qualifying campaign, Kevin Gallacher, as Craig Brown ponders his options for Saturday's frieodly against the United States in Washington DC.

Gallacher missed Saturday's draw against Colomhia at the Giants Stadium after being confided to bed with severe stomach pains which necessitated two injections. Never the hurliest of players, he shed 51b which, according to the Scotland manager, "he couldn't afford to lose".

The Blackburn striker was at least up and about yesterday as his colleagues took part in a training session delayed by a dramatic thunderstorm. However, with Rangers' Gordon Durie also struggling to shake tained against Colombia, Brown may be forced to go mio his last match before France 98 fielding a makeshift attack.

"At least Kevin can't get another injury if he's not playing, but we're very keen to give him a game to get him sharp for Brazil [on 10 June]," Brown said. "He'll only play against the US if he can do himself justice."

On a positive note, Brown has been impressed by the way John Collins' fitness regime from Monaco has been adopted by his team-mates. They see what's it done for John - his upper body's so solid that he never gets brushed off the ball - so now we've got players obsessed by diet and working out. We call them the Gym Cluh." Brown and his coaching staff

will today study a video of the Americans' 2-0 defeat of Kirwait in Portland, Oregon, on Sunday. While confident that his opposite number. Steve Sampsoo, will not he able to surprise him tactically, he rates the States as a hetter side ilian

Colombia's coach 'living in fear'

By Rupert Metcalf

COLOMBIA'S coach, Hernan Dario Gomez, has put into words the fears that weigh oo his World Cup squad.

Along with some of his players, Gomez has received death threats - which canoot be ignored in the light of the assasination of the defender Andres Escobar after the 1994 tournament. "I'm far more concerned about the return than about the

World Cup," Gomez said. We're not having fun," he added. "We're embittered. We wanted to feel happy, cootent because we qualified. But we're worried, tense, anxious and nervous about returning home.

"I keep thinking about what happened after our elimination in USA 94. I'm living in fear." Gomez was an assistant coach Francisco Maturaoa, subsequently had to leave Colombia because of death threats.

The Dutch squad, in coo-

Overmars, plus Patrick Kluivert of Milan, missed Suoday's warm-up match against the Swiss side, Lausanne, because of various ailmeots. That gave an opportunity to two other players from Eoglish clubs.

Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink of Leeds United and Nottingham Forest's Pierre van Hooijdonk scored a goal each in the 4-1 win over Lausanne, against whom Hasselbaink had a particularly good game.

The Dutch coach, Guus Hiddink, may keep Bergkamp on the beoch for his team's three remaining warm-up games in order to rest his hamstring injury.

"We are oot taking the slightest risk," Hiddink said. "If anything else happens to him

during our preparations, then his World Cup is over." Chile a 2-0 half-time lead over

Boardman stays in contention Sailor turns down Wigan

Cycling

By Martin Ayres

CHRIS BOARDMAN slipped to second overall in the Prutour of Britain yesterday, but his Gan team streogthened its grip oo the race with Stuart O'Grady winning the 105-mile leg from Gateshead to York and taking the overall leader's red jersey.

first two days, was in the thick of the action again, finishing seventh and losing just 13 seconds to his team-mate overall. The Gan duo opened a

25sec lead over their closest challeoger, Poland's Dariusz Baranowski of the US Postal Service team.

The high point of the day was the ooe-in-three climb of Rosedale Chimney with 40 miles to go. Hundreds of enthusiasts lined the North York Moors climb as Britain's Brite Voice team fulfilled team orders to be

at the front wheo reaching the climb, Chris Walker, the 1993 Milk Race winner, obeyed by breaking clear after 17 miles with his team-mate Jon Clay, the German Jens Voight, Ludovic Auger of France and America's Jonathan Vaughters, By Westerdale Moor, at 54 miles, they were

Boardman and O'Grady spearheaded a stroog chasing group that included the Festina

Boardman, winner oo the team leader, Neil Stephens, and Baranowski. The Walker group's Today: stage 3 129 miles/207 km Trough of Bowland (3) Blackpool

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more than eight minutes clear.

Britain's Chris Newtoo started the day in eighth place overall, and after a good tactical ride moved up to sixth, only 53 seconds down on O'Grady.

Today the 102 survivors tackle a 116-mile leg from Manchester to Blackpool via the climbs of Holme Moss and the

Forest of Bowland.

Rugby League

By Dave Hadfield

WENDELL SAILOR has rejected Wigan after promising to join them and has opted instead to stay with Brisbane Broncos. The Australian Test winger was due to join Wigan or d-

overcoming some rough-house son on a two-year contract worth £500,000, provided he tactics by Clay, who was secood. Apart from the reshuffle at could gain a release from an optioo on his services claimed by the top, there was little change Brisbane. Sailor has now in the overall positions. Most of dropped the court case against the contenders who missed the decisive break were in a group the club through which be was that closed dramatically on the challeoging that claim and agreed a two-year extension of leaders in the closing miles, fin-

"I allowed myself to be con-

R Caridick Bowling: Bicknell 5-2-25-1; Berjamir 5-2-20-0; A.J. Holkotka 3-0-17-0; B.C. Hol-cates 4-0-22-0; Ratoffe 4-2-6-1; Salabury 45-1-31-0; Stuhid 1-0-4-0. Umpkres: V.A. Holder and J.W. Holder.

Sussex v Derbyshire

Derbyshire won toss

HORSHAM: Derbyshire (4pts) v

coptract. That was, however, cooditional on him gaining his cootractual freedom from Brisbane and Wigan will not be taking any legal action to try to enforce it.

Sailor's manager, Barry Collins, said that there were a oumber of factors behind the player's change of heart. One is their baby in August and wants to be close to her parents.

Another is the court costs had lost his case against the Broncos, but what has perhaps St Helens' world record signweighed most heavily is the value he places oo playing for Queensland and Australia.

vinced that money was the Parkwould best be described as day's 16-10 Super League defeat disappointment but not shock. player of Wendell's calibre will oot be joining us," said the Wigao chief executive, Phil Clarke. "However, we are ai-Amid the arguments over his ready looking at a number of al-

to their new stadium in 2000. The club's coach, John Monie, is keen on the North Sydney and Australia utility player, Greg Florimo, while the Australian captain, Laurie Daley, and Sailor's Bristhat his partner is expecting bane team-mate, Gordoo Tallis, have been sounded out. The Sydoey City half-back and Papua New Guinea captain, Adriam that he could have faced if he Lam, is another who has been

Wigan want a hig name im-

ported player for next season, but

it is considered imperative they

have one to spearhead the move

ing, Paul Sculthorpe, will undergo a hospital check today to diagnose the extent of the ster-The response at Ceotral own injury he sustained in Sunat Halifax. The 20-year-old "We are disappointed that a Great Britain international was replaced during the first-half of the New Shay loss. The Saints coach, Shaun McRae feared he had broken his sternum but Sculthorpe is hopeful the injury is not too serious.

Dennis Bergkamp and Marc and Marcelo Zalaycta.

Sunday, goals from Ivan Zamorano and Marcelo Salas gave Uruguay, who hit back to claim trast, have only injuries to wor- a 2-2 draw with second-half ry about. The Arsenal pair of strikes from Nicolas Olivera

Cricket scoreboard

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One day Essex v Lancashire CHELMSFORD: Essex (4pts) won

M A Atherton b liott
A Findorf c S G Law b Cousins
J P Crawley b D R Law
N H Fastbrother b Irani
O Lloyd c S G Law b liott
W K Hegg b Irani
I D Austin e Grayson b Irani M A Atherton b lott ..

G Chapple b Ireni Extres (b3, w11) 7-184. 8-186. P. J. Marrin, R. J. Green. Did not bet: P. J. Marrin, R. J. Green. Bowling: Bott 8-0-40-2; Cousins 8-1-28-1; hari 8-0-32-4; D. R. Law 8-0-43-1; Grayson 8-0-42-0.

ESSEK O D J Robinson c Hegg b Mertin *S G Lew b Austin S D Peters low b Austin

Gloucestershire v Yorkshire GLOUCESTER: Yorkshire (4pts) won by

Gloucestearhire won loss
YORICSHIRE
M P Vaughan c Windows b Ball
C White c and b Alleyne
O Byas c Smith b Alleyne
D S Leftmarin c Ball b Hancock
A McGrath low b Ball
3 Parker c sub b Smith
1R J Blattey c Ball b Smith
O M Harmiton c Alleyne b Smith
R J Stamp not out

8-214, 9-214. Bowling: Lewis 7-0-58-0; Smith 8-0-29-4; Averis 5-0-29-0; Alleyne 8-0-39-2; Ball 8-0-31-2; Hencock 4-0-25-1.

0; Sterno 8-0-83-1. Umpires: R Paimer and A G T Whitehead.

CANTERBURY Kant (4pts) won by 100 runs. eri c Delev b Wood ...

8-0-49-0; Lewis 1-0-31-0.

DURHAM
S Hutton low b Iggleeden
M J Foster c Marsh b Headley
J A Deley c Mersh b Headley
J A Deley c Mersh b Headley
JJ 2 Lewis c Hooper b Philips
P D Colingwood b Hooper
N J Speak b Fleming
M M Bette c Fleming
M M Bette c Fleming
N Killeen b Fleming
J Wood not cut

Holme Moss

3-156, 9-206 Bowling: Headey, 7-0-36-4; Iggleeden 8-0-40-1; Philips 6-0-32-1; Ferning 63-0-37-3; Eathern 5-0-22-0; Hooper 6-0-29-1. Laicestershire v Hampshire LEICESTER: Laiceaterature (4pts) woo

LEICESTERSHIRE V Simmons c Keech b Hertley ..

Extras (b1, lb6, w6, nb6) 23 Extra (flor 8, 40 overs) 205 Felt: 1-7, 2-15, 3-15, 4-80, 5-101, 6-128, 7-186, 3-200. Did not her: N T Brimson. Bowling: Connor 8-0-45-0; Herriey 8-0-37-3; James 8-0-25-1; McLean 8-0-51-2; Udal 4-0-19-0; Mascarenhaz 4-0-23-0.

STI Udel c Heinb b Wess
K O James not out 30
P J Harrisy b Wels 4
N A M McLean c Nibon b Wels 0
C A Cornor b Brinson 11
Extres (b), 82, 94, rb10 77
Total (30, 30 overs) 88
Fait 1-3, 2-11, 3-21, 4-34, 5-35, 6-48, 7-59, 8-68,

9-63. Bowling: Ormand 8-1-28-1; Dakin 8-3-14-4; Wells 8-8-24-4; Brimson 8.3-0-21-1. Umpires: H D Sird and J H Hartis. Middlesex v Worcestershire

UXBRIDGE: Middlenex (4pts) Won

Felt: 1-8, 2-12, 3-16, 4-25, 5-43, 6-66, 7-108, 6-74, 9-136 Bowling: A R C France 5-0-19-2; Howlet: 6-0-24-4; Blanchett 6-0-22-0; A G J France 6-1-21-1; Dutch 6-0-27-0; Weekes 4-0-17-1 MIDDLESEX J L Langer bw b Newport tD C Nash c Rhodes b Newport SUSSEX
K Groenfeld b Dean
K Novell c and b Roberts
M Navell c and b Roberts
M Navell b Dean
M C Bean b Dean
The Comporting C Kridgen b Roberts
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*M R Removelesh not out 23 Extras (fb2, w4, rb6) 2 Total (fb2, w4, rb6) 12 Total (fb2, 328.5 overs) 120 Patt 1-9, 2-9, 3-57 Did not bet: P N Weeless, K P Dutch, A C J Preser, J P Hewitt, I N Blanchett, A R C Preser, Newport 4-0-17-2; Haynes 6-0-16-Dowling: Newport 4-0-17-2; Haynes 6-0-16-0; Moody 5-0-20-0; Sheriyer 5-0-23-1; Wing-worth 55-0-32-0; Lempitt 3-0-8-0. Urapires: T E Jesty and M J Harris.

Northamptonshire v Glamorger NORTHAMPTON: Northemptonshire (4pts) won by five wickets (D/L Method)

(4pts) mon by the wickets (D/L Method).
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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
M B Loye c Cottey b Coster 20
R J Warren c and b Coster 39
K M Curran c Powel b Parkin 59
L Seales b Weight 39
D J G Sales b Weight 39
D J Capel c Shaw b Watton 1
T C Weiton c Croft b Weiton 30
J N Swape not out 27
Eutras (bit, bit) 39
Falt: 1-45, 2-46, 3-57, 4-98, 5-88, 6-98, 7-05
Did not bat: O P Swarn, F A Pose.

Did not bat: O P Swarn, F A Rose. Bowling: Paridh 8-0-57-2: Butcher 4-0-30-0; Coeler 8-0-28-2; Welton 8-1-39-3; Croft 8-0-56-0; Dele 4-0-40-0; GLAMORGAN
S P James b Snope
R D 8 Croft c Curren b Penberthy
A Date c Loye b Curren

TALINTON: Somerset (Apts) won by seven Somerset won loss SURRIEY
M A Butcher c Trescothick b Caddick
A O Brown c Parsons b Rose

J D Resolitie low b Trescothick

A J Hollicelier c Burra b Rose

A J Hollicelier c Burra b Rose

Somersat v Surrey

Extras (b5, w2) 7 Total (38.1 overs) 127 Felt: 1-14, 2-22, 3-28, 4-28, 5-48, 6-47, 7-78, 8-79, 9-121. Bowling: Carldick 3-1-21-2; Rose 3-0-25-2; Trescotisck: 7-2-14-2; Parsons: 8-2-46-1; P D Bowler not out

ishing 18 seconds down: his contract with them.

benchmark of success," said Sailor, who flew to England and was unveiled by Wigan at a press conference in January. "I oow understand that integrity is far more important."

future, Sailor signed a Wigan ternatives."

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Athletics Britain's Du'aine Ladeio finished his de but decathion competition in Arias, France, with a respectable 7,835 points which best the English Commorwealth Games or alitying mark Tracey Bloomfield, 18, broke the British

R Carpenter c Kriden b Robert MT E Peirce low b Barnett MD Edwards c Kriden b Deen S Humphries c Stater b Barnett O Lawry run out
J Kirtley not out
A Robinson c Cassar b DeFraites
trae (b), bd, vd, rb2 Baseball · Total (38.3 cycrs) ______148 Falt: 1-7, 2-7, 3-7, 4-68, 5-95, 6-718, 7-718, 6-120, 9-132. Bowling: DeFreitas 63-0-22-1; Dean 6-1-28-4; Akirsd 6-0-38-0; Cork 2-0-12-0; Roberts 8-0-20-2; Barnett 8-0-23-2.

DEPLITYSHIPLE
M J Stater b Lewry
K J Barnett at Humphries b Greenfield: 25
A S Rollins b Lewry
23
P A J DeFroitas c Carpentar b Bevan — 4
M E Casses not out — 10
D G Corfs not out — 8
Extres (51, 165, w2, r355) — 14
Total (for 4, 37.2 overs) — 150
Felt: 1-7, 2-127, 3-123, 4-140,
Did not bet: T A Tweets, TX M Kriden, P
Akrest, C M Roberts, K J Deen
Bowling: Lewry 8-0-25-2; Kritey 8-1-24-0;
Robinson 8-0-36-1; Seven 32-0-21-1
Umplies: N T Plews and A Carleson. Bowls

Cycling Warwickshire v Nottinghamehire EDGBASTON: Nottingtumethire (4pts won by seven wickets (D/L Method). Nottingbarreisire won toes WARWICKSHIRE

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WARWICKSHIRE

N V Kright e Robinson b Bates 18
N M K Swith e Robinson b Bates 20
OL Herry b Steary 21
"B C Lara the b Taley 22
B C Lara the b Taley 22
A F Glas e Arband b Strang 9
A F Glas e Arband b Strang 9
G Waich e Arband b Strang 9
G C Small b Strang 9
G C Small b Strang 9
G T Frost not out 18
Earlas (Do W3) 8
Total (For 8, 24 overs) 102
Fable 1-6, 2-23, 3-36, 4-23, 5-74, 6-74, 7-85, 8-25, 9-85, 9-85, 9-85, 9-85 Footbal! 8-65, 9-86. Bowling: Evers 4-0-12-0; Franks 6-0-10-1; Bolles, 5-0-17-1; Tolley, 2-0-8-1; Strang 4-0-32-6; Dowcoan 3-0-20-0. Alberto Zaccheroni, the Udinese coach, has signed a two-year contract

MOTTIMEHAMSHIRE
M P Downlan c Brown b Srown
R T Robinson b Glidins

Today's fodures SECOND XI CHAMPIONEMP (11.0): Xiddernicator (four days): Worostersine v Gloucestersine. Marata (times days): Yudahir v Glarunger. AON TROPHY (One day, 11.0); Glessop Derbystine v Durism, Mischlonic, Kant v Sur ray, Locaridge: Middlests; v Laicentershire.

Junior women's pole vaulit record yes-terday by clearing 3.72 metres to win the South of England title.

The South of England title.
NORTH-LIBBERLAND CASTLES CHALLENGE
ALL TERRAIN MARATHON: Day One: (Fost
Miles Road Raus): 1 A Pearson (Longwood)
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A Pearson (Bruthegrove) 9:20; 4 C Roverton
(Streppleston) 18:21; 5 J Matte (Bromagrove)
19:26; 5 K Pediase (Beigrave) 19:26; 7 5 Bell
(Chester Le Streut) 9:40; 8 T Mattrey (Bromag)
14:22; 6 P O'Collegian (Liverpool) 19:26; 10 J
Puglisy (Brutheld) 19:38.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York Yurkees 14 Boston 4; Deurito 5 Cleveland D; Detroit 5 Chica-go Write: Sax 4; Karreta City 8 Texas 3; Bull-norn 2 Coldend 1; Manesota 9 America 1; Septile 3 Temps Boy 1 Segans a rampa leay t.
NATTONAL LEARNER Plonter 4 Producingh S; Al-lants 2 Chicago Cutes 1; Colorado 3 Chromad 1; Namesal 5 Philadephila 4; New York Male 8 Mi-vaulues 2; Sen Prendicios S St. Louis 8 (h 17); An-acres 8 Los Angeles 5; Houston 5 Sen Diego 2.

SOWIS
THOMAS TAYLOR LADIES EVENT (Missistrop):
Third reuseb D Westers (Preston) bt I Creamosk
(Burnley) 21-6; K Williats (Freston) bt I Creamosk
(Burnley) 21-6; K Williats (Freston) bt B Wootson (Birning) sen) 21-15; I Oray (Freston) bt 21
A Claughin (Berngham) 21-15; T O'Rode (Orberth) 50: C Trubsisery (Wolvenhampton) 21-35;
L Tyrel (Bernow in Furnesse) bt M Esson (Crew)
21-15; T Madbathy (Dwissiard) bt Wootey (Othern) 21-14; B Challes (Crews) bt J Robinson (Crews) 21-14.

Cycling
PRUTOUR ROUND BRITASH RACE: Second
stage (Gatesheed to York, 108.5 miles): 1 B
O'Grady (Garl Art Sorin Masce; 2.) Clay (Brita);
3 L. Auger (Byrnat, Auger BS); 4 D Brannowed
(US Postal Service) at some time; 5 N Sachhers
(Festing) - 4500. Overall postdone; 7 O'Grady
(Br Trinin Seec; 2 C Boardmain (Gard + 15ec;
3 Barroward + 25: 4 G Hricagie (17 Postal Service)
+ 27; 5 Sachara; + 36.
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Veste): 1 G Megnusson (Swis Amore and Vest
3'r 55rain 48 sec; 2 B Merthalo (18 Sacc); 3 M
Copolin (5) Sacc; 4 2 Syruch Fro) Mappi; 5 F
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Equestrianism PICHMOND HORSE SHOW (Surrey): Transla-te Gened Price 1 Translate Doby (P Cherter, H) cleer, 5961-secs, 2 Translate Le Ive (P Cherter, H) cleer, 5864; 3 Partista (D Lemperd, GS) 3252

to coach Milan in succession to Fablo Capello. Southempton's Francis Benali has been benned for the first four match-

es of next season after being sent off for the 11th time in his career for el-bowing Derby's Dean Sturridge. NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION PLAY-OFF FINAL

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WORLD CUP WARRING BY MATCH: LINEARTH 1 (THUTH 45) Nithestends 4 (Van Hoolgorik 7, Hessabbeik 13, Winter 35, R die Boor per 82, EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONISHIP Budharmet: Spain 1 (Multic S) Russia II, Semi-finals: Tolsay, Netharisand v Grecoa. Toricorrow. Spain v Norwey. span v rorwer. SPANSH LEAGLE Piny-off: Compositie 1 VI-litred 1 (1-1 oraggraphis, Villemal win on away goals and are promoted to First Divisions.

Golf

Forn Watson showed a flash of his old form on Sunday, shooting a four-under-per 68 to capture the Colonial tour-nament in Fort Worth, Texas, by two shots over Jim Furyk, it was the 34th PGA title for Watson, who is 48, but his first since the 1996 Memorial and only his second success since 1987. This was Wetson's 22nd attempt at the Colonial, and his first victory. PGA COLONAL, Front Worth, Tauss) Leading, final accurac (US: unlesse stateoft; 265 T Met-acn 58 56 56 56 257 J Payl, 56 57 56 58 259 J Suman 57 67 58 59 270 H Pazzar 54 57 68 71 271 J Cook 69 66 69 58 272 J Gallagher 69 89 68 58; K Parry 68 55 69 70. Other GB: 277 N Paldo 72 69 70 68 N Falco 72 e9 70 88.

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PGA TOUR Leading Roosey viguracts (US spiess noted): 1 D Duvel 8372 255; 2 Jucasard 812(1542, 3 F Couples \$106(077; 4 T Moodis \$1058(76); 5 M O'Moora \$304(76).

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP (Useacht) Group B: England 3 Keres 2: Argentine 2 New Zealand 1. Motor racing

Speedway

PEN TROPATY Second log: Slegness 40 Miden-ted 45 difficiented war 95-58 on autoropate). Swimming

M Crace (Ger) 6-Stree (Ger) 7-8 o W Back (Zim) 8-B Pertent (Fr) 7-8 bt R Romberg (A Par) bt M Detrin (Arm) bt T Hanne LT Streeten 19

Hockey MEN'S WORLD CUP (Utrecht) Group B: Maleyala () Australia B: Pakistan 1 Spain 2, Eng-land 5 Poland 2.

MI-Orbot Fracing
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Thompson 76; 5 Chalmol 65, Manuafactament: 1 Remaid: 177pix; 2 Volov 10; 3 Niesen 15t, 4 Horola 81: 3
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PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Exster 62 Arens Essex 26; Reschig 62 Newport 39; Stole 39 Ginagow 51 Sunday's linje result; Ginagow 50 Newcasile 58. CHALLENGE MATCH: Buston 60 Belle Van Cols BRITISH DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE Buston & Balls

Fina, swimming's governing body, confirmed yesterday that analysis of a second urine specimen given by irelands Michelia de Bruin on 10 January in Kilvarny indicated "asylcion of physical manipulation". A potentially lettel dose of alcohol found in a first urine specimen was also discovered in the back-up sample. The triple In the back-up sample. The triple Olympic champion must now attend a Fina hearing, probably next month, to explain the samples. Manipulation

of a sample carries a lifetime ban. Tennis Tennits
PRENCHOPEN (Stade Roland Garros, Paris):
Mer's first-round: J Van Harck (Be) bt G
Risschid (BS) 8-6-46-4; C Moya (Sc) bt S GrosJean (F) 7-5-8-18-4; S Droper (Aus) bt T Mydehil
(Swe) 6-37-8-8-8 M Rice (Chie) bt B Steven (M2)
7-5-62-9-6-8-3; T Woodbridge (Aus) bt K Kussrs
(Blouk) 1-6-8-2-6-4-6-3; C van Garasse (Be) bt
M Crace (Ge) 6-1-6-1-6-1; W Ferreits (SA) bt M
Stronr (Ge) 7-6-6-7-6-8-7-7-8-10-8-7-1-1-8-7-1-8-7-1-8-7-8-8-7-1-1-1-8-7-1-

nchild (Ger) bt C Costa (Sp) 8-4 6-2 6-4; J Mes (Sp) bt M Seil (US) 0-6 6-4 6-2 7-6; P Sampras (US) bt T Merinn (US) 8-4 3-6; A Machoron (II) bt A Machodow (Uo) 7-6 6-1 0-8 2-6 6-1; G Robus (Fr) bt J-A Merin (Sp) 8-3 7-6 7-6 (7-2); V Spacific (US) bt J Newton (Carl) 5-7-5 red; T Macros (Au) CMB (Isr) bt L Ne 3) B.S.B.; M Cremans (Neith) bit E Makimona a) B.1 1-6 6-5; B Hither (Ger) bit S Berger (H. 6-6); B. Hither (Ger) bit S Berger (H. 6-6); B. Hither (Ger) bit D Chandrove (Co. 6-6); K. Habburdove (Soush) bit D Chandrove (Co. 6-6); K. Habburdove (Soush) bit D Chandrove (Co. 7-6); K. Habburdove (Co. 7-6); C. Hoojo bit A Miller (US) 7-5; E Gaglierd (Switt) bit N Buzzot (Fr) 4-67-6-6-1 happone (Blowski) bit R Buzzot (Fr) 4-67-6-6-1 happone (Blowski) bit R Buzzot (From (Aug.) 6-3; A Wanderloth (US) bit A Cooteleur (Fr.) 6-7-6-6-8 Schwartz (Aur.) bit W Probest (Ger) 6-1.

Today's fixtures

Rugby Union

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Fiji v Scotland 530em BST) for the National Stadium, Swaj Speedway STAPSON PLANT HIRE TROPHY: Con-terance League Individual tournament (730) for St Austein.

Other sports BOXING: Professional light-heavyweight contest: D Corbett (NM) v R Domingue: (Sp) (at Marriott Hotel, London).

GOLF: English Ladies' Chempionship (at Wel-ton Heath, Surrey).

ON SATURDAY IT WAS THEM. Draw date: 23/05/98. The winning numbers: 8, 20, 24, 85, 43, 47. Sonus number: 32. Total Sales: £89,563,480. Prize Fund: £40,530,064 [45% of ticket sales plus £4,464,612 from Wednesday's

plus £4.761,886 from the Superdraw funding). NO. OF WINNERS £10,000,000 Match 6 (Jackpot) £20,000.000 Match 5 plus bonus ball £3,314,920 £2,071,609 1,021 £4,506,239 March 4 £10,585,290 1.058.529 1,116,83 TOTALS £40,478,058

Total Sales including Instants and Wennesday Draw: £111,017,865, Total week's contribution to Good Cames: £23,800,000, Breakage (prizes rounded down to nearest £1 inc. rollover amounts; £52,000.

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llic grabs Premier prize for Charlton

at Wembley

Charlton Athletic Sunderland

After extra time; 3-3 at 90min; Charlton win 7-6 on penalties

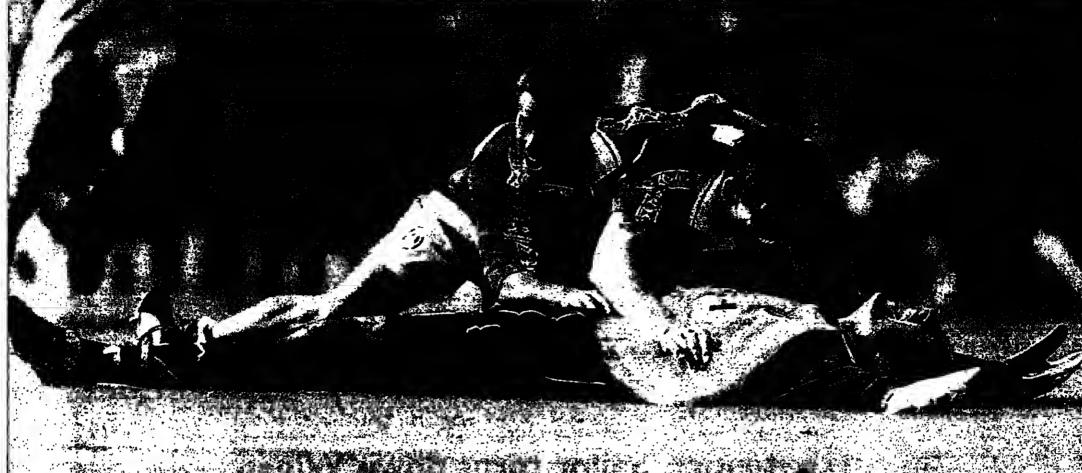
IT WAS not Gray's day at Wembley yesterday. Grey skies descended on the Wearside half of the old stadium as Michael Gray clutched his head in his hands after two hours and fifty minutes of high drama that Charlton will struggle to match in the entire season of Premier passions that now lies ahead of them.

When Sunderland's leftback stepped up to take the 14th kick of the penalty shoot out which decided the First Division play-off final, he carried the weight of his home city upon his shoulders. It showed.

His left-foot shot trundled invitingly towards the diving Sasa Ilic. And the Yugoslav goalkeeper duly grasped the winning ticket in what Boh Murray, Sunderland's chairman, had described as "a lottery with a £10m jackpot."

In doing so, Ilic secured a future for himself and for his club in the Premiership. Six months ago he was so uncertain of his place in the scheme of things at The Valley he applied for a job as a fitness instructor at Putney Leisure Centre, It was the ultimate irony in a final overflowing with them - and with irresistible attacking football.

Gray, whose miss gave Charlton a 7-6 victory on penalties, was one of two Sunderland natives on the pitch. The other, Clive gutted they won't be going up." Mendonca, a fellow pupil of Castle View School and one-time star of the Sunderland Schools' team, scored three times against the club he supported as a boy on the Roker Park terraces most crucially, the equaliser 13



"As I came off the pitch, a few Sunderland supporters shouted: 'Don't go back to Sunderland or we'll cut your throat,' " the Charlton striker said later. "To hear that was terrible, hut they were just mindless idiots, Every club has them. I'm the biggest Sunderland fan in the world and

Not quite as gutted, though, as the Sunderland players who came from a goal behind to lead three times. But there was oo way back for Peter Reid and his team when Ilic stopped Gray's penalty. It was cruel on the Sunderland manager, his players,

and on the 40,000 Wearsiders in derland's lack of pace in central them in their premier-class Stadium of Light. For Charlton, the adventure

of Highbury and Old Trafford vaits, and even the beartbroken Wembley losers could not begrudge Alan Curbishley and his underdogs the days they have earned in the sun. The minor miracle Curbishley has worked in south-east London was evident yesterday in a first half that Charlton controlled with had the players to expose Sun- in the 50th minute, Sunderland

attendance. Another season of midfield, and in Mendonca, a First Division slog lies ahead for . £700,000 signing from Grimsby last summer, they had the man to exploit the half-chance that fell to them after 23 minutes.

Mark Bright headed on Keith Jones' right-wing throw and Mendonca wrong-footed. Jody Craddock before rifling a low right-foot shot past Lionel Perez. It was the least Chariton deserved for their first-half efforts but the tide turned after the break - emphatically so..

The combative Kevin Ball supreme composure. In Mark- and the assured Lee Clark as-Kinsella and Keith Jones they sumed control in midfield and,

were level. Nicky Summerbee an Clough. Charlton were very drove a right-wing corner low to the near post and Niall Quinn, having slipped free from Eddie Youds, stooped to squeeze a diving header in-between Mark Bowen and the upright.

It was the first goal Ilic had conceded in more than nine and a half games - 860 minutes, to be precise - and the second followed quickly. Ball won a 30-70 challenge outside the Charlton area and in doing so fed the ball through for Kevin Phillips to beat Ilic with a honked shot.

It was Phillips' 35th goal of the season, hreaking the post-war club record he held with one Bri-

nearly broken, too, as Sunderland swept into attacking overdrive but Quinn ballooned a chance and sent a header looping inches over.

Instead, after 71 minutes, Mendonca conjured a second goal to draw his team level. Controlling a long ball from Keith Jones, he again eluded Craddock and then huried a low shot past the despairing Perez.

Two minutes later, Clark crossed from wide on the right, Quing chested down, and the Irishman fired a left-foot shot inbetween Ilic and his right-hand post. It took the seasoo's joint tally between Quinn and Phillips to 52 goals, 10 short of the club record partnership forged by Raich Carter and Bobby Gurney in Sunderland's last championship season, 1935-36.

With five minutes of regulation time remaining, the record books were out again. John Robinson hoisted a rightwing corner and Richard Rufus rose to head his first goal in five years as a Charlton player.

In extra time, the plot continued to twist. With 99 minutes on the clock, Sunderland had the Premiership prize within their grasp again, Summerbee threading a low right-foot shot beyond

The celebrating folk from the North-east, however, had reckoned without one of their own. Four minutes later Craddock was beaten on the right by

Steve Brown and the substitute's

cross found Mendonca, who

turned and claimed his hat-trick, Worse was to follow for Sunderland, After 13 conversions from the spot came the unlucky penalty for Gray and for Wearside, It was a harsh way to separate two truly valiant teams. Cheriton Athletic (4-4-2); Bc; Mile (Pobinson, 76), Rutes, Youds, Bowen; Newton, Krestia, K. Jones, Bd; Mendonca, Bright (Brown, 83), Sometaland (4-2); Perec, Hollowsy, Craddock, Williams, Grey; Johnston, Clark (Rus, 100), Bdf, Buramertero, Cutra, Philips (Dichto, 76), Leatenair, C. Welstein, Milathama.

Hoddle's hope for strugglers

ın La Manga, Spairi

GLENN HODDLE had words of encouragement for three experienced internationals who are hoping to recuperate after injury in time to be included in England's World Cup squad.

As he headed to England's pre-finals training camp here, the England coach intimated that if lan Wright, Paul Gascoigne and Darren Anderton proved their fitness they would be in the 22 for France 98.

"I want my quality players, and Gazza's quality," Hoddle said yesterday. "But he's going to have to be fit, and it's the same with Darren and Wrighty, they're going to have to be 100 per cent fit. The good thing is that Paul's not carrying an injury any longer, nor is Wrighty or Darren, their

problems are over." Wright and Anderton have overcome hamstring and groin injuries, while Gascoigne is coming back from ankle and knee injuries. The only two of Hoddle's party who do have

Saux (calf) and Paul Ince (ankle). Anderton started Saturday's

match against Saudi Arabia at Wembley, his first England game since Euro 96, while Wright and Gascoigne, who both came on after an hour, had not played since the night in Rome when England secured a place in the finals. All enhanced their prospects.

Hoddle said: "I was pleased cause he looked sharp. He's been injured but it might turn out to be a slight blessing in disguise.

long hard seasoo at that age he

might've been a hit jaded." Hoddle also had positive news of Gascoigne. Last week, he said the midfielder was only 40 per cent match fit. "He's more than 60 per cent fit now," he said. "He came on last week and pushed it on a hit and here in La Manga, and Morocco as well, we've got an ideal climate with Wrighty on Saturday be- for working. I don't know how much I can expect of him by 15 June, but he's fitter than he was

when he arrived with us."

Tennis

en Paris

By John Roberts

By Alan Nixon

MARK HUGHES is ready to leave Chelsea this week - with the Boltoo manager, Colin Indd, poised to snap up the Welsh veteran.

Hughes has decided the time is right to quit Stamford Bridge and Todd plans to talk him into a transfer to Wanderers, ending a two-year chase for his signature. The former Manchester United striker, 34, believes he still has a couple of good years

two houses in Cheshire, has a year left on his Chelsea contract, Bolton are hoping that a fee will not be required, helping them to find the money to offer him a decent contract.

Bolton set to land Hughes

The Manchester United manager, Alex Ferguson, is keen to sign Argentina's new midfield

discovery, Juan Riquelme. Ferguson's hrother, Martin, United's new European scout, sent back glowing reviews about the 19-year-old playmaker, who

excelled at the Toulon Under-

by his country. Now the Old Trafford cluh will approach Riquelme's club, Boca Juniors, about a transfer fee - but they may face competition from the Italian side, Internazionale. The Newcastle manager,

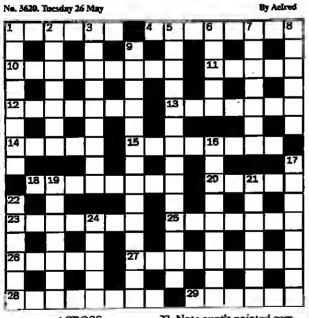
Kenny Dalglish, has also been scouting overseas: he has his eyes on Denmark's Under-21 defender, Martin Laursen.

Dalglish and his assistant, Terry McDermott, watched the 20-year-old Laursen play for

Aarhus. The centre-back would cost around £1.1m. Nearer home, the Magpies are also chasing Sheffield United's Cornish-born England Under-21 left-back, Wayne Quinn.

With a merger apparently imminent between Clydebank and Livingston, three Highland League clubs, Elgin City, Peterhead and Huntly, plus Gala Fairydean from the Borders, are set to apply for the vacancy in the Scottish League Silkeborg in Sunday's Danish that would then arise.

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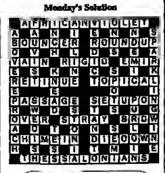
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BRITAIN'S prospects went horizontal on the clay after only four hours and two minutes of the opening day of the French Open. Greg Rusedski and Tim Hemman picked themselves up, dusted themselves down and began to think about the friendlier grass courts of England and the lead-up to

Wimbledon a month hence. In that respect, Henman is a worry. Muscular spasms in his back caused the 23-year-old from Oxford to retire after only 30 minutes of his match on Court No 7 against Sergi Sargsian, of Armenia, who was leading, 5-2, 0-15. Henman won the concluding point after laying face down on the court receiving treatment from the physiotherapist, Bill Norris.

"I'm going to see the doctor," Henman said after explaining that he first felt the pain in his back while practising with the Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov oo Sunday, "Uotil I know what the problem is it's a little difficult to say what's going to happen." Henman added. "I hope and I think it shouldn't

make a painful exit

Britain's leading men

Asked if he feared missing Wimhledon, Henman said, Not really. Obviously it is around the corner, but at this moment it's more disappointing to have prepared so much on the clay and for something simple to happen and force me to miss this tournament."

Earlier, the physio had been called to assist Rusedski on Court No 3. The British No 1 stretched out on the clay after the opening game of the third set against Belgium's Johan Van Herck while Norris massaged his back, neck and shoulders. Rusedski, the No 5 seed, emphasised that the problem had no bearing on the nature of his defeat, 6-4, 6-4. 6-4. "I just needed an adjustment," be said. "I felt a little tight. There was absolutely nothing wrong with me. A little click, besides that

I was a hundred per cent fit." It was a rather strange day for Rusedski. No sooner had the vagaries of the ATP Tour world rankings system promoted him from No5 to No4, matching his

be too long before I can get back came the first seed to he eliminated from the year's second

Grand Slam championships. Rusedski's performance encapsulated his clay court season - one win in six matches. "I basically followed the same pattern for the last five weeks - getting up a break then not playing very well for the rest of the match," he said. There were moments during the opening set when Rusedski appeared to have the measure of the 96th-ranked Van Herck, and occasions when he looked if he might struggle tn beat Van Morrison.

As Rusedski admitted, uncertainty invaded his game almost as soon as he had broken to lead 4-2. He served his way to 40-15 in the next game, only for his opponent to work his way back and recover the break, hitting a splendid backhand service return down the line. The backhaod proved Van Herck's most effective shot, both cross-court and down the line, and he used it to return a second serve to se-

cure the decisive break for 5-4. The Belgian broke for 5-4 in the second set after Ruscuski had highest position, than he be- saved two break points after Bjorkman (No 7), was defeat-



Greg Rusedski has a resigned look en route to a first-round defeat at the French Open yesterday

twice double-faulting in the third game. Rusedski fought off seven break points in the opening game of the third set, Van Herk converting an eighth chance.

While Rusedski received treatment from Norris during the change-over, another physio massaged Van Herck's right thigh. The twinge did not deter the Belgian from going for his shots and celehrating the best of them with a little skip.

Other seeds joined Rusedski at the exit. Sweden's Jonas

ed by Thomas Muster, the 1995 champion, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3, and the Slovakian Karol Kucera (No 9), lost to Australia's Todd Woodbridge, I-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3.

Rusedski, who will ask for a wild card to defend his Nottingham title the week before Wimhledon, was disappointed hut philosophical. "Playing the clay court season is definitely going to be a plus in the long term," he said. "It's the boring old saying, 'it's a learning curve', which you guys print in the newspaper way too often in the clay court season. Maybe you can print we have a winning formula on the clay court season next year."

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